

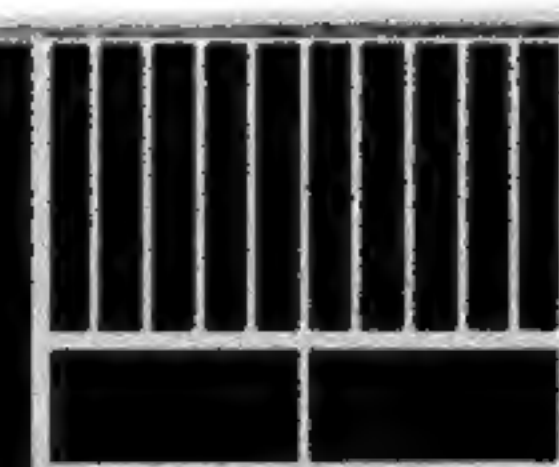
Rec Oct 22<sup>d</sup> - Dallas. October 18<sup>th</sup> 1888.  
As sent by

Geo. Engelmann M.D.  
St Louis,

Dear sir,

Doct. A. Gray, with whom I  
correspond since last year about  
Vitis has referring me to you for  
several class of plants. Since a long  
time I had a great desire to corre-  
spond with you; but I have been so  
hard pressed by work that I had hardly  
any time this year to pay any  
attention to the study of plants. To-  
day I hope I will have more time  
to spare, therefore I ask you the permission  
to send you a few specimens for  
identification; ~~two~~

along with that letter you will receive  
a package containing only two specimens  
of grapes. The one perfectly smooth I  
consider to be <sup>Cordifolia</sup> ~~cordifolia~~. The other I



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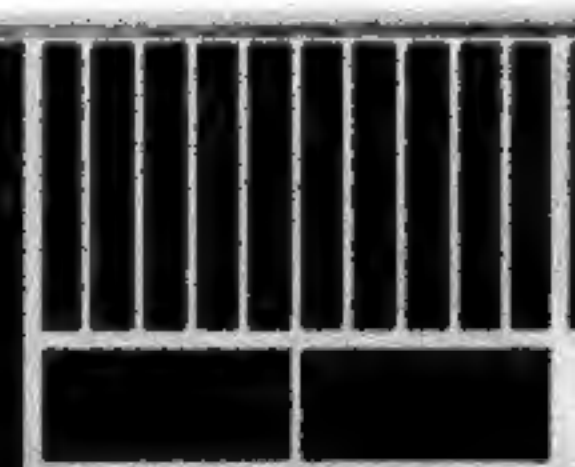


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believe is artivolis. The first one is  
always smooth in all its parts and  
the berry or shining small, and after  
sweet enough. The other is more ob-  
len pubescent in all its parts. The berry  
bunch is generally thicker, and the berry  
are about the same size, but coated with  
a distinct bloom, and always sweeter.  
Both kinds grow together, but the  
latter generally is more abundant in  
low and rich places than the former. The  
grows very often in very poor and rocky  
soils.

I will be under a great obligation  
to you if you can tell me if  
the two are distinct species or only  
varieties of one species? it is of some  
importance to me that I should know  
positively what is the true cordifolia

I have a few other Stem plants that  
I think you would be kind enough to  
examine. I will send them to you



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as soon as I will thank that I am  
not too much in your way.

I am trying to botanizing on a  
large scale in Texas with you, and  
I will (if agreeable to you) send you  
specimens and seeds.

Being a stranger and not very familiar  
with the English language, you will  
please excuse a few mistakes.

Very respectfully  
yours.

J. Reverchon,

Dallas, Dallas Co. Texas.

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Dallas. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. 1878.

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Doct. J. Engelmann  
St Louis Mo.

Dear Sir

I have been a long time before answering  
your kind letter of Oct. 22. but I  
have been crowded with work, and my  
little collection is not ready yet. I will  
send better specimens of grapes next year. fruit  
and all. the species growing in this country  
are the following (if correctly named by me)  
Vitis cordifolia. V. astivalis var. cinerea  
and var. Linneaeana. V. cordifolia and  
probably Vitis riparia. We have also Vitis  
incisa  
ovata, V. pinnata & undulata.  
now for the Quercus. Q. nigra L. &  
Coccinea Wray. - Q. obtusiloba, Ell. - Q. prin-  
oides, Willd. - Q. macrocarpa, Ell. - Q. coccinea,  
Willd. and 2 species not well determined by me  
in Toronto Co we find the Quercus virens and  
Vitis rupestris.

I have determined three Corylus. C.  
oliveformis, avara, tomentosa



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- But there are certainly other species  
and I mail to-day for you a few nuts:
- 1 from Dallas Co. of <sup>agoutis?</sup> tree
  2. *Carya amara tomentosa* probably
  - 3 from Van Zandt Co. coll. 1877. <sup>agoutis</sup>
  - 4 *Carya amara myristiciformis*
  5. 2 forms or species from Van Zandt. coll. 1877.
  - 6 several forms of *obovata* <sup>porrina</sup>

I have no specimens (leaves or flowers) of no  
1, 3, and 5. and if you can name them by  
the fruit I will be very thankful you  
can give the names

Next season I will pay special attention  
to these trees.

Hoping to hear from you pretty  
soon I remain

truly yours

J. Revere

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Rec Febr 7<sup>th</sup>

Dallas. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1879.

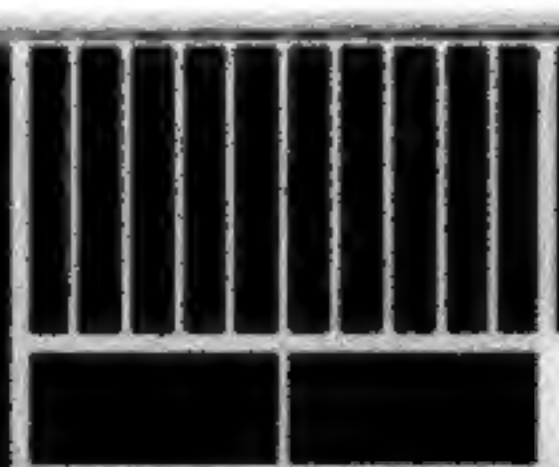
Doct. J. E. Suddmann

St. Louis

Dear Sir

I mail today a package of dried plants that you will please name for me. Some have names that I suspect are not correct and the rest get no names at all. There seems to be a great many species of Cuscuta, unfortunately I am not provided with good many specimens I sent what I could find in my herbarium I hope to pay special attention to them in future; here is the list of specimens sent.

1. Cuscuta, abundant in dry prairies.
2. — collected in Fort Worth June 1877. on dry prairies parasitic on acerates.
3. — parasitic on uva ciliata in swampy places.
4. — in swamps, on batumera etc.
5. — on uva ciliata in low grounds.
6. — on a species of ocrea, collected in Brown County, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1877.
7. — in swamps, on cephalanthus. tall.
8. — in swamps, on dianthera.



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9 isetes — on muds but not floating. Burford's  
spring. near Dallas. June 1874.

10. *Juncus nodosus* var. *terreus*

11 — — — var. *megastachyos*,

seems to be very distinct species.

12 (umbellifera) on dry prairies. May 1876.

13 (—) banks of the Trinity river. ⓪

April 1876.

14 *Quercus cinerea*

15 — — — among the poor oak. seen

the flowers neither the fruit very rare.

16. *Carya amara* (~~*myristiciformis*~~ *myristiciformis*  
of Doc Engelmann) ~~etc~~

17 *Behmeria* — very different of *Cylindropuntia*  
although given under that name.

18 *Celtis*. (Hackberg) ~~etc~~ is its true  
name?

19 *Euphorbia* — found on the cedar crossing  
of the Brazos (Pala punto Co) on the 18th  
of August 1877. in light. silted soil.

20. *Euphorbia* — sandy soil, Weatherford  
Aug. 20th. 1877.

21 *Cheerifadum basianum*



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- 22 *Cheucapadium album* — compacts
- 23 *Polygonum* — in waters. June 1877.
- 24 — *amphibium*, var. *mahlenbergi* —  
tall, fine species, growing along the waters.
- 25 — found in the beds of west fork of Trinity  
at Fort Worth. June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1877.
- 26 — waters and damp places. seems to be *C.*
27. *Oxylophus* — seems to be different of *C.*  
*myetagineus*. — very often 4-5 feet high  
very <sup>straight</sup> high. grow in deep sand.

I will pay special attention ~~about~~  
what you say about grapes, and caryas  
and try to collect good specimens.

here is the list of my botanical works.

Michaux Flora boreali americana

Andre' Michaux's histoire des arbres forestiers

de l'amerique septentrionale

Dod. Gray. synoptical flora of america

(part II).

Watson Index

wood, botanist and florist

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I have not noticed the papers under

Chapman, flora of the southern states  
young flora of Texas  
and many pamphlets and contributions  
from Dad. Gray and J. Watson  
I also subscribe for the botanical bulletin  
and gazette, and for the great work  
on ferns of N. America by Dr  
Eaton

most of my plants has been examined by  
Dad Gray and Watson and many correction  
made by them. in fact the only reliable  
complete work I have (the flora of Gray).

cover but a part of the American  
flora for the balance I am much in  
trouble and any contribution from botanists  
will be considered a great favor to  
me.

hoping to hear from you soon  
I remain very truly and respectfully

Yours J. Preverchon

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Am same day

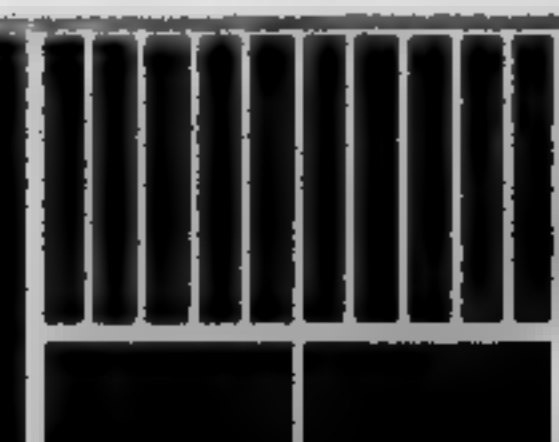
Dallas. May 30<sup>th</sup>. 1879.

Geo. Engelmann M.D.  
St Louis.

Dear sir

I have been very sorry to learn you  
have been in trouble and to have better  
you in such time; Please, also many  
thanks for the trouble taken in naming  
my specimens. I have taken good note of  
what you say about them.

I still put you in the bin the fruits of  
our several grapes. I also good specimens  
of them. Attached I have already sent a  
specimen of each of our species, viz. Vitis  
cordifolia, Vitis californica (var. liviceana) - Vitis  
californica, var. cinerea, and Vitis cordifolia -  
The first to bloom is V. cordifolia, the next  
is liviceana and cordifolia (about same time)  
and the last V. cinerea. This bloom  
8-12 days after the cordifolia.



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I mail for you a small packet  
containing a few nuts of a species  
of Juglans found this winter by  
prof. J. Bell at Fort Griffin, the  
tree grown 10-12 feet high, and seemed  
quite different from virginica.

Yours truly

S. Prentiss

P.S. I hope to visit Dr. Robinson  
in a few days and find several interesting  
things.

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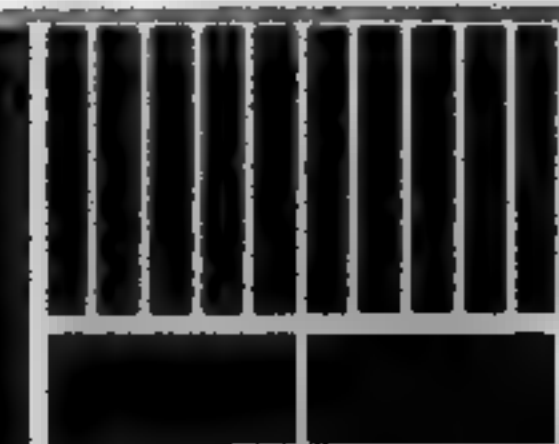
Dallas Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. 1881.

Doct. J. Engelmann.

Dear sir

Last summer I sent you some groups  
but I learned afterward that you were not  
at home, ~~hoping~~ that you had come  
back. to-day I sent you a small collection  
of vitis, stee and and others, of which I  
like you would give the correct name.  
I have added two plants of my  
discovery, supposing you will be glad to  
have them in your collection

hoping that my package will reach  
you in safety and give you some  
satisfaction. I remain very truly  
J. Reichenow



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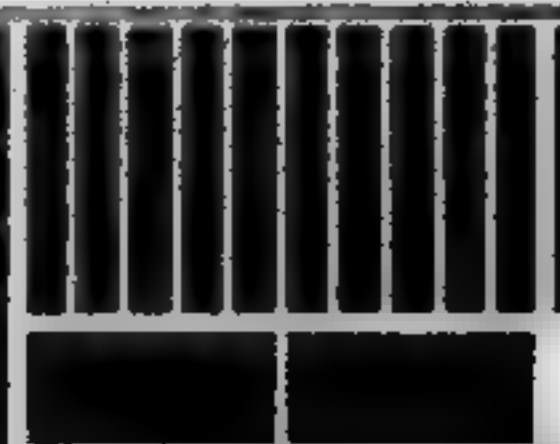
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notes on some plants sent to  
Doc. Ges. Engelmann, by J. Prescott.

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- 846 *Euphorbia preslei*, Jun. — cannot see the difference  
with *E. hypericifolia* of Patterson.
- 1 *Euphorbia* — damp prairie. — May 1888,
857. — — — sands. — summer.
- 87 *Myzularia mexicana*, H. & A. — is that the true one?
- 883 *Celtis mississippiensis*? — form. the  $\frac{2}{3}$  of low  
forest: grow also on dry upland.
- 884 — *crispifolia*? — found on ~~dry~~ dry rocky  
bluffs
1207. *Carya peruviana* — only one small tree  
with smooth bark. could get any nuts,
- 669 *Caracuta*. — ~~the~~ ~~specimen~~ according to your  
statement this was a new species.
- 918 *Sida* (given as *longifolia* but it is new than  
doubtful) — along the waters.



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Anderson Dallas, Dec. 6th. 1881.  
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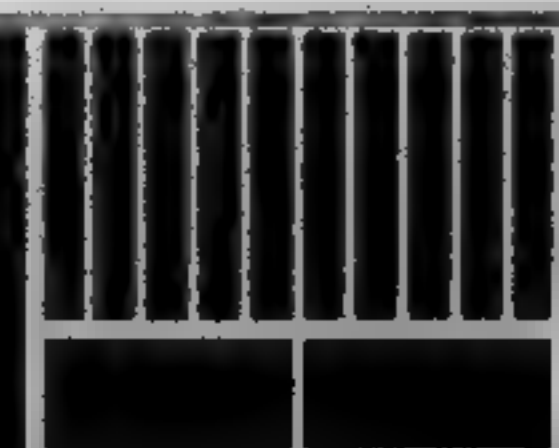
At the late hour I took notice  
to send you a few plants for  
identification;

The Morricon n° 1 I believe is  
uncinata; and n° 2 is probably the  
same with little difference, due  
probably to the places they grow.  
n° 1 grows in fresh water and n°  
2 in stagnant pool, dying in  
summer.

Scutellaria n° 1. was first named  
by Doct. Gray Dreumendii; but after  
I had stated to him it was peruviana  
he said that must be another species.  
Last year I sent it again to Dr.  
Watson, who called it Wrightii and  
I think is a mistake.

Sc. n° 2 was named by Dr. Gray  
Wrightii; and I think correct.

Sc. n° 3. was named by Watson  
Dreumendii. What I believe is correct.



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no 1 seems to be not described in the  
flora of North America. it is perennial  
grow abundantly on calcareous rocky  
prairies.

no 2 is perennial is abundant west  
of the gray-timber in rocky prairies  
often mixed with no 1.

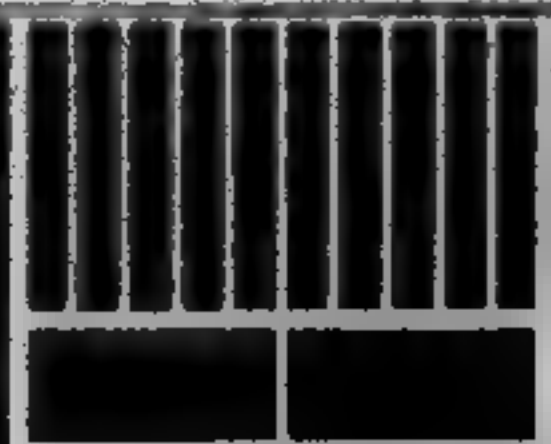
no 3. is annual. found in rich  
bottom land. the only place I have  
collected it thus far is Village Creek  
(Carrant Co).

I hope you will be able to  
report soon of these plants, and  
receive my heartfelt thanks by  
anticipation.

Very truly yours,

J. Preverton

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Rose Cottage near Dallas. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1882.

Rec Jan 28

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Dr. Geo. Engelmann.

Dear Doctor

I mail for you a little  
package of plants, containing  
the winter leafy of the contorted oak.  
(it loses its leaves every winter). 1  
Callitriche<sup>heterophylla</sup> 1 Polygonum<sup>Fraxinifolium</sup> found in  
the streets of Dallas. 1 Celtis<sup>relicta</sup> collected  
on Comanche's peak. in September.  
it seems different from all other  
specimens that I have, by its dentate  
florid leaves; it is a small tree  
growing on rocks. 1 specimen of  
what I take for Juniperus occident-  
talis v. Texana; of which I have no  
description, all I know; that it differs  
from J. Virginiana. by a bigger  
berry and a very different appearance;  
it grows at the top of Comanche  
peak and on several high  
bluffs along the Brazos.



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and finally several plants of  
Scutellaria brevifolia: unfortunately  
the flowers have lost their beau-  
tiful dark blue color, the  
plant grows on ~~high~~ cliffs of  
limestone rock.

I will try this year to collect  
along the Pacific R. Road, as far  
as the Guadalupe Mountains; a  
country, I think but little explored  
by botanists.

I thank you for the trouble you  
have taken about my plants especially  
for the Scutellaria: the plant in  
question is undoubtedly a biennial, but  
as you say, not a true perennial.  
The flowers are also larger than  
one named by me, S. Drummondii: this  
is positively annual, but it may be  
nothing but formos.

Very truly yours,

J. Prevercher



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Rose cottage near Dallas. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1882.

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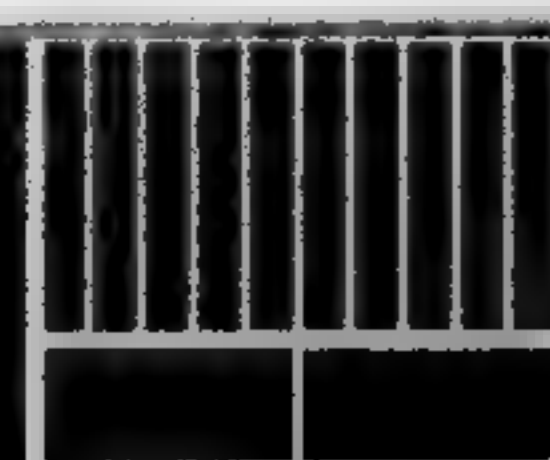
Dear Doctor

I thank you for the  
names you have kindly furnished  
You seem to be interested in <sup>me</sup>  
Chama; I think I could find  
4 or 5 species about here

I am perfectly satisfied that  
my juniperus from the Comanches  
peak is J. conjungens, I had  
a good specimen from a mature tree  
that I compare with yours and with  
the help of your paper on junipers  
I convince myself of the fact.

As for the polygamon texanum  
I am afraid that I may not  
find it again; having collected my  
specimens in ~~on~~ street of Dallas,  
But I may find it somewhere  
else!

We have here two yuccas. Y.  
repicola and Y. angustifolia



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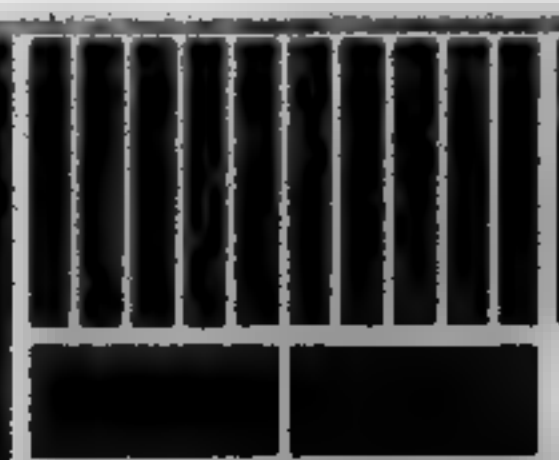


(probably var. mellis, as the leaves are not very stiff). This last one is very common. It is possible that there is another species, having the appearance of G. filamentosum but I have not observed it very carefully. The G. supicula grow in one or two spots in western parts of the county, but it is common in the rocky prairie on the other side of the lower Cross timbers.

If I can accomplish my trip in the Pecos region, I hope to come across several other species of yuccas besides many other interesting things.

Believe me yours very truly  
G. Preverchen.

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Rose cottage (near Dallas) Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1882

Rec<sup>d</sup> Dec 1<sup>st</sup>,  
A - 2

Dr. Geo. Engelmann  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Doctor

I have been very <sup>loafing</sup> answering  
some of your questions but I had  
many troubles and have been a long time  
waiting for information about the  
ferocious mountain grapes and white  
I have got is altogether very unsatisfactory.

The species don't grow here - and from  
what information I have received from  
a scientific person - the grapes grow in  
San Jose and at Presidentsburg. It  
is a bush, hardly climbing with small  
leaves and whitish large berries of  
a good quality. another person has described  
me something similar growing on  
the borders of steep plains; the fruits  
were ripe in September; the berries were  
large, long, white, of excellent quality,  
without loamy taste. I will try next



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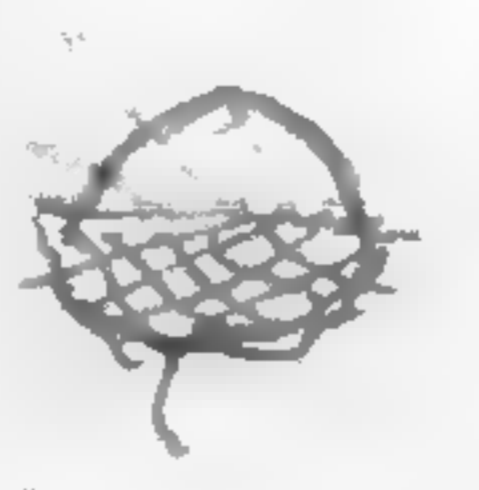

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to solve next year; to solve that problem

that has some importance either for  
the botanist and the grape grower  
on account of the oak of <sup>(Qu. daravdi var.)</sup> ~~the oak~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the oak~~  
a good many specimens in this county  
they are very uniformly the same  
with the exception of the leaves, sometimes  
entire and sometimes more or less  
lobed. The ~~lobed~~ leaves on young  
shoots are much larger, green on  
both sides and regularly lobed. The  
2 calytoida of the fruit separate very  
readily; I had collected some good  
specimens for you but by some ~~circumstances~~  
ways I could not find them when needed.  
But as I had sent some to Mr.  
Letterman. I hope he has shown them  
to you. all I can say is that among  
all most other species, they vary in size  
and shape: from  to   
I have mailed for you a little package  
containing several specimens of the Qu.  
Daravdi v. argentea; with these I also



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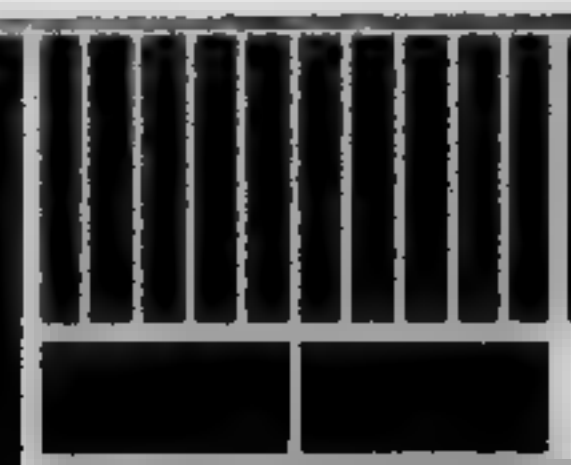
ones Mr Letterman has taken with him  
you will find; no difficulty in establishing  
the characters of that oak. Wheeler,

no 3 seems to be a form of Q. stellata  
it is the same I sent you some two years  
ago.

no 4. is another form of poast oak.  
a scrubby bush. about 3-6 feet high  
making dense thickets in the sandiest  
parts of the lower Cross-timber; seen  
the male flowers in April. but unfortunately  
neglected at the time to collect any.

no 5 is the fruit of poeshock grape  
the same you had formerly from me.  
This grows in sands. in particular has a strong  
foxy taste; I thought it was the leucococum  
of Buckley; We have no other variety except  
the Vitis aestivalis v. cinerea - that is quite  
different; it has red-foxes, taste large bunch  
small grain. climb very high is found in  
rich land along the the streams.

x of Vitis aestivalis



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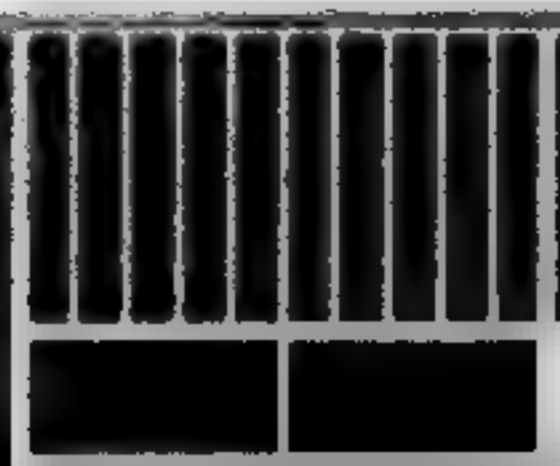
Accompanying these ~~roughly~~ there are  
two embellished plants that I am  
anxious to have the names. At one  
time both have been named. A few  
papers at Harvard. Now they are ~~lost~~,  
then that I have not ~~described~~ them  
for correction.

No 1. grow abundantly in the wet plain  
west of the Praja. - light valley soils.  
Erect. grass. erect or suberect.

No 2. <sup>Sp. Popii</sup> grow here, in damp sand. begin  
to bloom when quite small, and as soon  
as February. generally the stems <sup>spreading</sup> are flat  
on the ground ~~thick~~ sometimes suberect.  
Always much smaller than No 1.

If you take any interest in estigids  
I can send you 5 or 6 species that have  
no names yet (that is to say, that  
could not be made out at first glance at  
Harvard, ~~showing~~ showing no pretension to think  
they were new to science.)

Believe me, dear doctor, sincerely yours  
affectionate. J. Reverchon



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Rosa Cottage. Dec 27<sup>th</sup>. 1882.

Per Dec 29<sup>th</sup>

Dr. J. Engelmann

Dear Doctor,

I think I have found out the  
umbellifera that puzzle you; you  
will find under the description as  
I found it on a book of explorations  
and journeys; and as it may happen  
that you have not the book in  
your possession I have copy all  
that is said about the plant.

In the botanical Index of  
Watson, it is given as synonym of  
Opium popai. but you will see  
yourself that the description don't  
fit that plant. and seems to correspond  
with mine in every way.

The plant is very common on  
the plains west of the upper Cross-  
timbers. I first found it on Indian



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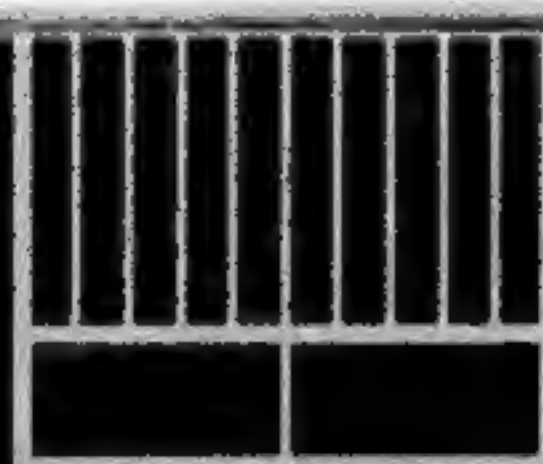


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Creek in Brown co. and from there to  
the headwaters of the Concho and the  
Colorado, it is ~~exceedingly~~ abundant mostly  
in the valley a good many were dry and  
in seed in April. Unfortunately I had  
no ripe seeds. previously I had  
found few specimens on the banks  
of Trinity (in this county) coming  
without doubt of the headwaters  
of that river.

hoping that these notes will  
be of use to you, I remain,  
Dear Doctor,

Yours most truly,  
J. Prentiss

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Dr Geo. Engelmann

Dear Doctor.

Last year you had the kindness to  
name for me several plants I  
had brought from the western part  
of Texas. among them was a  
Andropogon Breweri, Mill, a small  
shrub. ~~the other is~~ there is another  
plant of the same genus growing  
abundantly in rocky prairie. When named  
was given to me as Phyllanthus polygonoides<sup>nut.</sup>  
the other day looking in my herbarium  
I found on the label as synonym of the  
same plant Andropogon Breweri, Nut.

I have enclosed a small specimen so  
you can judge by yourself and give  
the right name and by so doing  
oblige greatly.

Very truly and respectfully  
yours.

J. Reveschen.

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P. S. The plant herewith, indeed is a  
small perennial. but not woody at all.

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small perennial. but not woody at all.

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