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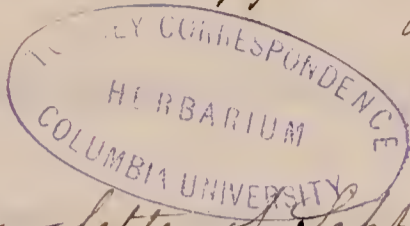
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Fort Snelling

Upper Mississippi

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Dear Doct^r



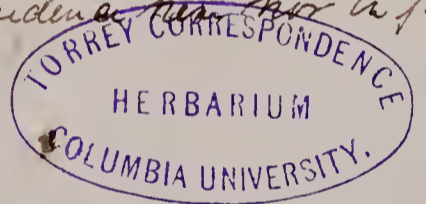
I rec^d. your letter of Sept. last a few days since, and had agreeable to the wish expressed in your former one, made a small collection of such flowering Plants as grow in our immediate vicinity, but which I am fearful will not equal your expectation either in number or variety. The country around us is as you are probably aware mostly prairies and the flowers growing on them are for all I know common to the same description of country elsewhere, constituting as it does one half of the immense regions West & South of us and from which you doubtless have already rec^d. different collections.

However such as they are I will send them to you by the first opportunity that offers, which I am fearful from the lateness of the season will not occur this Fall. After this time we have but little communication below except by mail. I will however be able to send them early in the Spring together with a box of shells that I have collected in the Up. Miss. provided you are already supplied with specimens of these last you can present them to the N. Y. Lyceum or make such disposition of

of them as you see fit. I would here suggest to you if I did not do so
in my first letter to visit this country next spring. You would be
delighted with the journey and would experience little or no difficulty
or delay in coming the whole distance by Steam boat from Pittsburgh
or Wheeling, which are then coming up with stores for the different Posts.
They generally leave those places from about the 10th to 15th of April and
arrive here from the 1st to 10th of May. I will guarantee your meeting with
a most hospitable reception here. To one so ardently attached to pursuit
in Nat. Hist. as yourself the visit could not fail to be highly interesting
and amply reward you for time & expense. At that period we have many
visitors from New York, Phil^a & elsewhere and among them a great proportion
of ladies who all express themselves highly delighted with the trip.
In addition to this you would have an opportunity of seeing the different
bands of Indians who annually assemble here from a considerable distance
to receive their annuities & presents a sight of whom alone is worth the journey.
I thank you for sending a Med. Catalogue altho I have not as yet rec^d it.
and am grieved to hear of the ugly proceedings in old "Barclay". Phisic
in Politicians is much better than Politicians in Phisic. In one case it is
very apt to lessen the heat of their blood in the other increase it. In the latter

more resembling steam doctoring in its nature and effects than the true system of reduction & depletion. P's appointment was a matter of no less consequence to you than myself and only shows that he has been riding the 'great ass' California Politics but which will one day kick them all off when they will have to descend to their former employments as stump orators and bar room spuchifiers. Such dirty proceedings must fairly 'stink in one's nostrils' and I am glad that I am beyond their reach.

We have had no cholera or symptoms of it here and such is the extreme salubrity of the climate that we are led to believe we will not. I have never seen a case of genuine fever since my residence here nor in fact hardly any disease except colds & catarrhs.



To Sam Torrey

Yours truly
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Nov. 21.

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