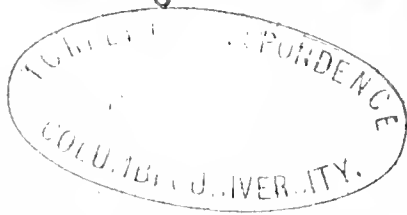
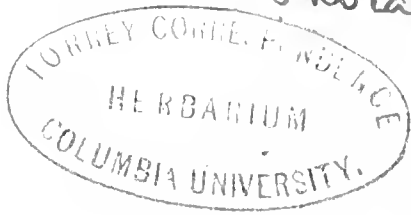


Philad. May 8. 1847.

Dr. John Torrey  
My dear Sir.



I have just sent forth to the world a work of  
Medicinal Botany, which I have taken the liberty of dedicating to  
yourself and our friend Gray, hoping under the shadow of your wings  
to be able to soar higher than quite alone. I have bestowed a good deal  
of work upon this book, but am now satisfied with it in many points  
which I hope to amend, if it has a second birth. From a want of books  
now to be had here several deficiencies are but too evident, thus in the  
Piqueras I was obliged to notice Michx's labor on second hand, and  
was unable to ascertain his grounds for the establishment of several of  
his genera, and the same was the case in several other instances.

But with all its imperfections on its head accept it as  
a slight proof

of the esteem and respect  
of your truly  
Respected friend





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