

New Bedford 6 mo 21st 1827

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GARDEN.

Respected Friend

Things of the 10th ult. came safely to hand; I was absent from home at the time of its reception, and have been with the exception of two or three days absent ever since. I have just now returned from Boston, and intend to find some leisure, I cannot say how much, for pursuing Botanical Studies this summer, part of which shall be devoted to the *Cerisee* - a genus, which for want of suitable books and the requisite facilities to encounter the difficulties which it presents, I have hitherto very much neglected. But as the season for some of them is already past, I shall not be able to make a very complete collection this summer, but I feel very willing to make the attempt.

The *Schoenus* which I sent I found growing plentifully last autumn in a pond in North Providence State of Rhode Island - but do not recollect to have seen it any where else. My impression is, that some of them were larger than the specimens I sent - say - the culms were from one to two feet long; should I be again in its neighbourhood in the season when it is in flower, which is not improbable, I will collect it in sufficient quantity to satisfy all enquiries.

The *Aristida* which I sent as *oligantha* grows plentifully on the borders of the same pond; I have not found it in this vicinity, tho' we have here two species, or else two varieties of *A. dichotoma*.

The two species of *Scirpus*, which thou hast pronounced to be but one were from the same place and were collected at the same time - as was likewise the *Careopsis rosea*. I begin to think the spot deserves some celebrity for the Botanical treasures which it contains. And besides all these there was a species of *Solidago* growing there in abundance, for which I could find no specific name that satisfied me. None of them are yet in season. I will send further specimens of all the plants requested as soon as I can obtain them. The only one yet in flower is the *Orchis herbicola*. I found that about three miles from New Bedford, I intend to visit the spot again in a few days.

I have requested a friend in New York to call at the Lyceum and take care of any parcel he may find directed to me. As I have never possessed an herbarium, except of the few most remarkable plants that I have met with in my own collections, I do not know any better way of making a selection, than to say, I shall be happy to receive any which thou mayst find it most convenient to send. The Monograph of *Careices* will, I presume, be a useful aid to me. I have consulted ~~no~~ other books in my attempts to study them, than the Manuals of Bigelow, Eaton and one or two others. I intend now to consult the articles entitled "Caricography" in Lilliman's Journal - I recollect a long article on the subject in the "Annals of the Lyceum", but not the title of it. It was in the winter when I saw it, and as the study of the *Careices* seemed to me then to be a discouraging subject, I did not give it much attention; I only recollect it was a subject of some discussion one evening when I attended a meeting at the Lyceum.

Thine,

Thos A. Greene.

New Bedford 3rd mo 20. 1828.



Dear Doctor

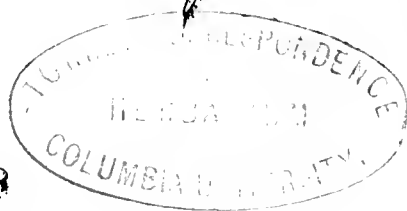
I sent thee last fall, in the month of October if I rightly recollect, a parcel of dried plants, of thirteen different kinds, with a letter stating my doubts and difficulties in regard to them and requesting explanations. I have heard nothing from thee since and do not know if they ever reached thee. If they did, by referring to that letter, thou wilt find the enquiries I wish to have answered; if they did not, it would be of no use for me to repeat them here. Among them were some specimens of Rochea peruviana and of Inula falcata, preserved and forwarded, as thou hadst requested. Will thou do me the favour to turn to them, if they are in thy possession and reply to my enquiries, as I felt myself at the time more or less at a loss to determine satisfactorily the species of nearly every one of them.

I sent them by one of the regular packets flying between this port and New York; I do not recollect which of them, having previously received a similar parcel from thee by the same conveyance.

Respectfully

Thy Friend

Josh. Greene.



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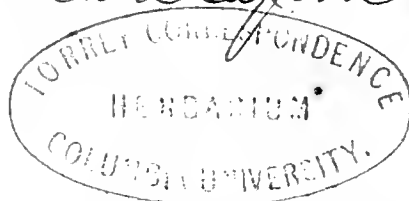
Thos. A. Green

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New Bedford, 7 mo 23rd 1831.



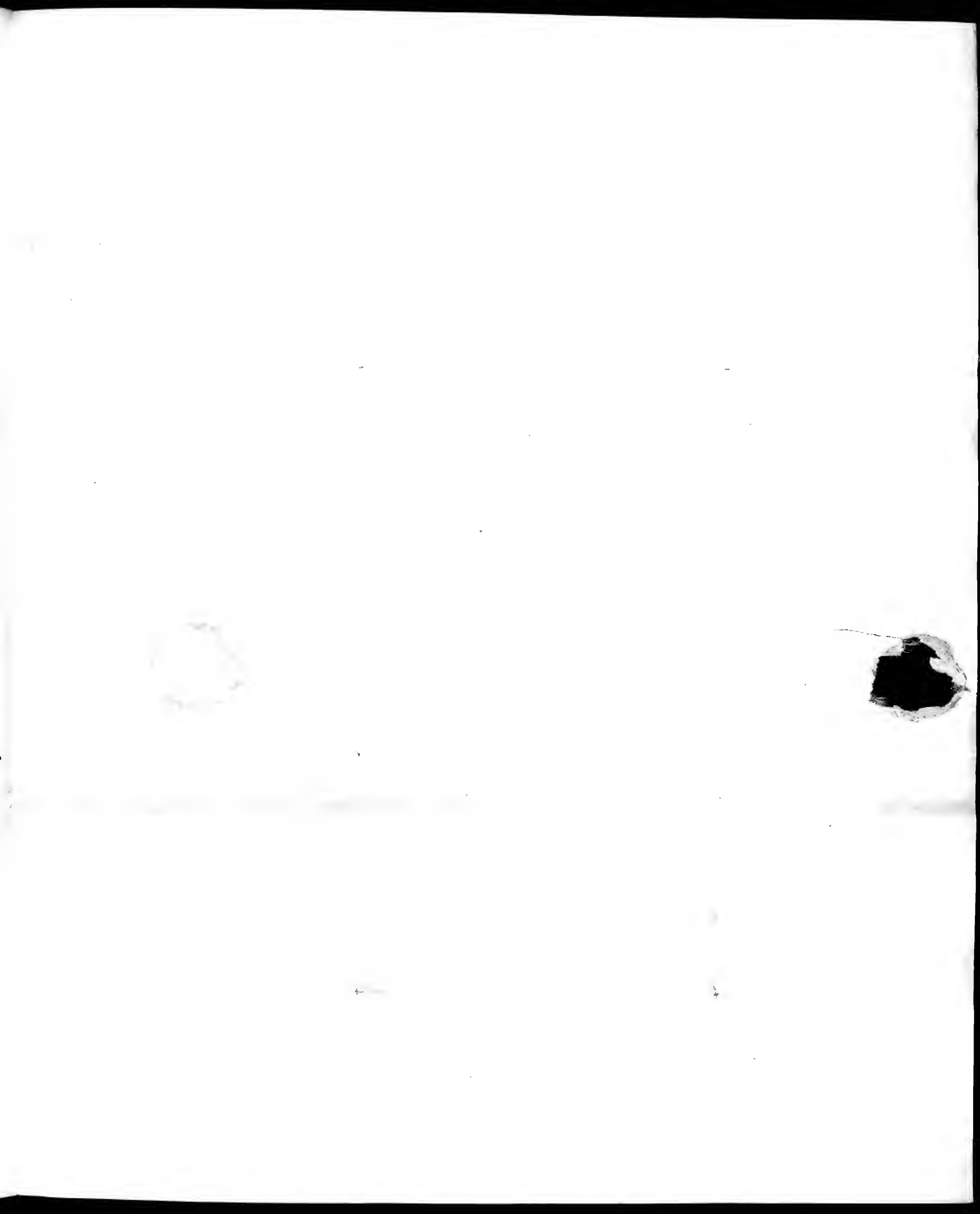
Respected Friend

I send by H. A. Field a small parcel of plants collected in this vicinity. The bearer of them has spent a week with us and leaves this place for Boston the day after tomorrow. He enters into the pursuit with all the zeal of a new convert, and has attended diligently to the examination of the flowers of the fields, abating the time when his attention had been drawn away by the blooming beauty of ^{the specimens in} another, an animated department of natural history. — In the parcel which I now send, I do not think there is any thing very rare or curious. They are such as I have prepared for the last & part of the present season as I found leisure to collect them, and am now sent with the view that if thou should find any thing among them of which a greater number of specimens should be wanted, I would take some care to procure them, if I could know which they were. I should be glad to preserve and send ^{further} specimens of any plant that may be designated which grows in this neighbourhood, but I find it encroaches too much on my time to attempt to make a general collection of all the plants we hear, without knowing what you have not & may want — and my attention to Botany has been so entirely confined to one section of the country that I hardly know what does or does not grow in any other —

There are in the parcel three specimens marked *Aristida*
gracilis - all of them growing around this town - they differ about
as much from each other as that one of them with the longest awn
differs from *A. purpurascens*. which I have also sent from Mont.
I am led to doubt whether the whole four are any thing more
than varieties of one species - Baker insists that one of them
at least is *A. gracilis*. He was here & spent some time with us
two years ago, but it was before these were in flower. I then
spent a week also with him at Nantucket - I should
like to hear from thee how many sorts ^{of this genus,} - species, I have sent -
and what to call them - *To the specimen which I have*
marked Aspidium delatatum - rightly named? - If
I have made any misnomer - please let me right -

It is probable I shall visit New York some time in
the autumn, when I shall hope to find thee in the city,
having made one or two flying visits there within a year past,
without seeing thee.

Thine Tho. A. Greene



J. H. Brown

July 23rd, 1831

Rec^d by Mr. Field

and J. Seltwater

New York

For John Torrey

John A. Field

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New Bedford 10 mo 10 1851
TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

My friend Friend

My letter of the 11th ult. and
reply received, and was followed a few days after by
another from J. C. Miller, containing an invoice bill
of the *Uspigabalus*, which had been shipped on board
the *Wester* for this place. The *Wester* is not
yet arrived but is doubtless on her passage detained
by unfavorable winds. I shall write to Miller on
her arrival enclosing a draught for the amount of the
bill. Which tho' a little exceeding the estimate proposed,
is entirely satisfactory and thou wilt please to accept my
thanks and those of the Curators of the New Bedford Lyceum
through me for the obligation conferred upon them by
thy care & attention in the case.

Thy wishes in regard to the oil
have been attended to. My friend Andrew Robinson has
put up at my request a Tray of the dimensions proposed
of his best winter strained oil which he has done and
will send by the first packet directed to this to the care
of Messrs. MacFarley & Co. 83. South Street, who are his agents
for kerosene, oil & candles in your city. You can obtain
it therefore by applying to them, who will be authorized to
dealt with them for it, and I trust it will be of a superior
quality

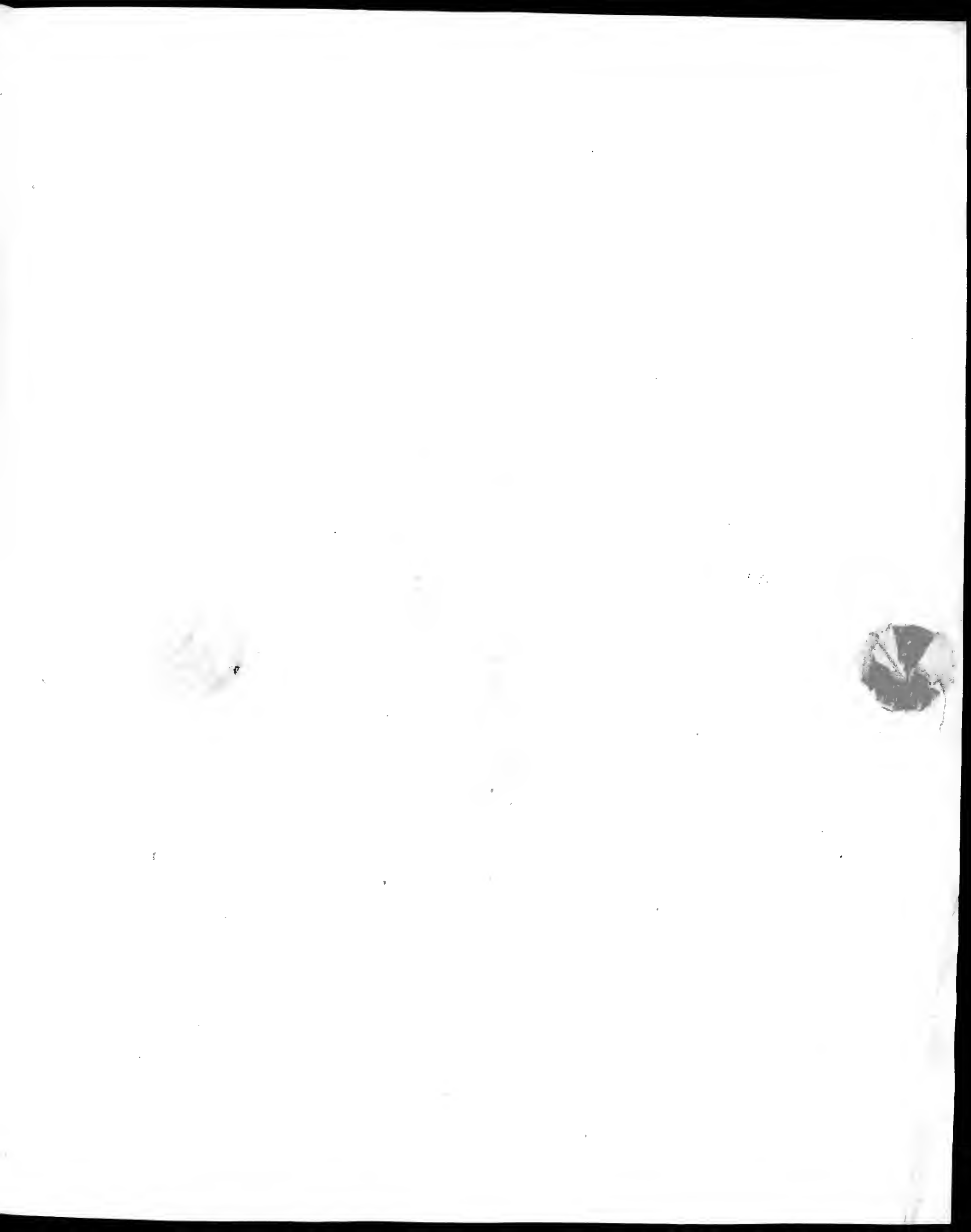
The winter campaign of lectures has commenced with
a course of lectures, which Mr. Johnson, who has attracted so
much attention in your city, is now engaged in delivering, and
is occupied every evening, we will soon accomplish his engage-
ment, and we shall then fall back on our resources again.
We have however volunteers enough offered to keep us
weekly happy through the winter by different members of our
association, some of whom will doubtless be desirous to test
the quality of the new apparatus by doubling a little in
Chemistry.

It is cause of congratulation that the scourge which
has ^{been} committed to afflict your city during the past season has
so nearly passed away. Not a single case of the disease is
believed to have occurred in this place.

Respectfully
Yours truly



Wm. G. Brown



C. J. Greene

Oct. 1st 1892

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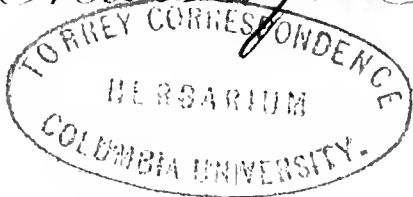
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New York

Dr. John Tracy

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New Bedford Pt. Dec. 10th 1852.



My dear Friend

Soon after the receipt of thy letter of the 14th, I mentioned the subject of the oil to my friend A. Robeson who furnished it, and who said he had neglected to send the bill of it to Blissley & Mackay, but that he would do it. I think, therefore, by this time they will be ready to be paid for it; if they should not be, it will be the seller's fault, and it will be soon enough to pay for it, when he is ready to receive it. — The apparatus appears to be of excellent quality, and no doubt will prove so — we have as yet had no Lecture on Chemistry in our weekly bill of fare, since it was received, but I have no doubt some of our caterers will soon await the delivery of it.

To hear of rare & curious shells is always pleasant, to see them would be more so, but to possess them is the very acme of enjoyment on their account. I am glad to hear that the 5th number of Sars's Conchology is published. I have seen three only, and these I have not yet been able to procure. I enquired for them in vain when I was in New York last Spring, and through one of our bookellers in Philadelphia also with the same ill success. I am in hopes to meet with them in Boston whether I go in about three weeks to spend the Legislature session whether will occupy probably the remainder of the winter. I have very much wanted them within a few days ^{past} to assist me in making

out a list of the Marine Shells of our coast - Massachusetts - to be appended to the second part of Professor Hitchcock's Geological report, which is nearly ready for publication. I have also furnished him to aid in making a catalogue of the plants of this state for the same report, a list of plants found in this section of the State - principally at New Bedford & Nahant - not included in the Dedication of Bigelow's Flora of Bostonensis - and to fill up the remainder of this sheet, which might otherwise come in the form of blank paper, I will insert here this latter catalogue. I have been arranging my dried plants upon Lindley's plan, but this comes in the old fashioned way they are



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| <i>Salsola ambigua</i> | <i>Sagina procumbens</i> |
| <i>Callitriche autumnalis</i> | <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> |
| <i>Utricularia peruviana</i> | <i>Onosmodium hispidum</i> |
| <i>Agrostis lateriflora</i> | <i>Sabbatia stellaris</i> |
| <i>A. virginica</i> | <i>Atropa physaloides</i> |
| <i>Arctostaphylos purpurascens</i> | <i>Hypocotyle vulgaris</i> |
| <i>A. gracilis</i> | <i>Annis capillare</i> |
| <i>Utricularia aristolata</i> | <i>Juncus maginatus</i> |
| <i>Poa uniflora</i> | <i>Polygonum glaucum</i> |
| <i>P. dentata</i> | <i>P. hirtum</i> |
| <i>P. trivialis</i> | <i>P. pennsylvanicum</i> |
| <i>Festuca auriculata</i> | <i>Cassia nitida</i> |
| <i>Paspalum citratifolium</i> | <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> |
| <i>Panicum hispidum</i> | <i>Cactis opuntia</i> |
| <i>P. agrostoides</i> | <i>Crataegus coccinea</i> |
| <i>Digitaria filiformis</i> | <i>Hudsonia ericoides</i> |
| <i>Andropogon macrocarus</i> | <i>Helianthus scaberrimus</i> |
| <i>A. virginicum</i> | <i>Stachys hypolepis</i> |
| <i>Posoquinus pectinata</i> | <i>Leimosella dubulata</i> |
| <i>Galium pilosum</i> | <i>Sida abutilon</i> |
| | <i>Hypericum cylindricum</i> |
| | <i>Bidens coronata</i> |

Diplopium hydopifolium
Gnaphalium Germanicum
Inula paleacea
Solidago tenuifolia
Aster sparsiflorus
A. eriooides
A. Spectabilis
Helianthus decapetalus
Coccoloba rosea
Cochis herbata
C. occidentalis
Carex canthophylla
C. centaculata
C. straminea
C. viridens
Spergularia americana
Ambrosia heterophylla
Cimicifuga grandiflora
Ceratophyllum demersum
Sagittaria obtusa
Atriplex canescens
Lycopodium inundatum
Aspidium dilatatum.

Many of these are no doubt common in Massachusetts,
 though (Bigelow) had not seen them - a few are rare plants
 I believe in New England.

Respectfully

Thy friend,

Wm. A. Peck



John Torrey M.D.
New-York

Wm. A. Greaves
Des Moines, Ia
Dec. 28 1832

