

75 Park St. Baltimore,

Jan. 23<sup>d</sup> 1880.

H. Serrus Watson,

Harvard Herbarium.

Dear Sir:

I wish to avail myself of the opportunity, advertized by Prof. Gray, to secure through your kind services at a reduced price, one copy of, Volume 2, and part I of Volume 3, Hooker & Bentham's Genera Plantarum. I have already the first volume, and desire whatever else has been, or shall be, published.

Please advise me when, and what amount, to remit.

I am at present trying to make out a strange (to us, at least) form of Notofia. I have a copy of Heugelmaier's Monograph. Untersuchung der Lemnaceen; but I observe references to a more recent work by

that author: *Semnaceae* Brauner,  
and I have no opportunity to consult  
it.

If you can without trouble refer to the  
latter treatise, you would confer  
a great favour by letting me know,  
whether it describes any additional  
species belonging to the sub-genus  
*Woffelia*, Hegelm.; also whether any  
reproductive organs in any of the  
species of *Woffelia* are described in  
*Semnaceae* Brasil.

My plant is from South Florida  
coll. in '78, and in '74. It bears a  
strong resemblance to *W. glauca*  
Hegelm.

A priori I presume, that a form from  
an altitude of 7000 ft. in Mexico  
would not occur unvaried in the  
Hammocks of Florida, nearly on a  
level with the sea, and almost within  
reach of its tides.

Very truly yours,  
John Donnell Smith

75 Park Street Baltimore,  
Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Prof. Asa Gray,  
Cambridge.

Dear Sir;

Please find  
enclosed draft on London, endorsed  
to our order for £3-0 sh., the amount  
you name to pay for cost in  
England of vol. II. & part I of vol III.  
*Genera Plantarum*.

Thanking you in advance for  
your kind services in procuring  
for me this work,

Very respectfully,  
Wm. Connell Smith

St. Augustine, Fla. April 10<sup>th</sup> 1870.

Prof. W. Gray,  
Cambridge.

Dear Sir:

Arriving here  
to day from a trip in South Florida  
I received your letter of March 13 and  
Postal of Mch. 26, both forwarded  
from Balt<sup>o</sup>.

I trust you have charitably imag-  
ined, that some good reason has  
excited for this great delay in  
re-embursing you for your expenses  
incurred in importing my copy  
of Gen. Plant.

Please find enclosed check, endorsed  
to your order, for \$<sup>5</sup>.<sup>12</sup>, the amount  
stated to be due; and acknowledging  
receipt, please address me, 25 Park  
St. Balt<sup>o</sup>.

With best thanks for your services  
in procuring this work, which I  
expect to find at my home in Balt<sup>o</sup>.  
I am very truly yours, John Couell. Min

St. Augustine, Fla. April 1st  
Mr. Srenno Watson,  
Cambridge.

My dear Sir:

Your  
Postal of Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, forwarded from  
Balt<sup>o</sup>, was received by me yesterday  
on arriving here from my trip in  
South Florida.

I had anticipated your suggestion,  
and sent to Dr. Engelmann speci-  
-mens of my Florida Wolfiella.

He wrote me, that he had submit-  
-ted Ravenel's plant to Dr. Hegelmann,  
who had pronounced it W. gla-  
-diata. I countermanded the pub-  
-lication in the Bulletin of my  
notes, - with some difficulty, as  
they had already been printed.

When I reach Balt<sup>o</sup>, I will forward  
some specimens to Dr. Hegelmann  
for his decision.

I have again met with this little  
plant, - this time growing over

large extent of cat-tail marshes a few miles ~~west~~ East from Cedar Keys.

As usual I have been occupying myself with herborizing: this time in the Peace-Creek region. So far as I have had leisure to determine my collections, there is not ~~one~~ <sup>Thaenogam</sup> among them, which is not described in Chapman, or has <sup>not</sup> been distributed by Garber or Curtis. I have a Jussiaea, that seems to be the species given in Griseb. Fl. B. W. I. 1847. as J. hirta. = J. Peruviana, L. I recollect, that it was on the list of Dr. Garber's last fascicle. It is a shrub, 8-12" high, 1" diam. above base, herbaceous only in this year's growth.

Should anything turn up, that causes any doubts, - or that would probably have any interest for you, - I will send you speed!

Very truly yours,  
Wm. Douglas Smith

75 Park Street, Baltimore June 5<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Ernest Watson, Esq.

Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have anxiously  
you some specimens of a fern, new to U.S., which is  
the most interesting result of my last visit to Mexico.  
The appendix to *Verus* of V. T. will give it as *Hypnum con-*  
*terminum*, Willd., but with an *?*. My label shows some  
later and more particular identification. It is a fern  
of elegant appearance, and more like the *Hypnum*  
is any other extra possible N. T. species.

Dr. Rege maier advises me to treat the Florida *Hypnum*  
as only a variety of his *H. gladiata*. I will notice it  
in the June Bulletin as an addition to our flora. I have  
sent you  
a specimen from Cedar-Rays, Mex: SO, which I think  
the best for examination.

The *Xnotera* --- is a diurnal, <sup>however</sup> growing in *garden*, and  
around the village of St. Ysidro, *garden* in  
garden. As a parent, the same *garden* in the

U. S. Agr. Dep. Washington, undetermined, which was found  
as a volunteer in the ground, around the *Quilimia*.

*Crotalaria retusa*, L. occurred also at Panama; in  
cases it was near houses, and perhaps had come  
from gardens.

I am not satisfied with my determinations of several  
other plants in the package, and I hope you will let me  
know of errors.

Yours very truly,

John Doune jr. Jr.

Durham, Essex Co. N.H.

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 81.

Wrentham - Vt.

Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir;

I have  
just got back from a visit to the Moun-  
tains of -outh & North Carolina, and  
send you a packet of Aug 20<sup>th</sup>.

I am glad to have my attention cal-  
led to my mistakes in naming  
the specimens of *Hydrocotyle unguic-  
ulata*, and *Eryngium Baldwinii*  
that I sent you about a year ago.  
Did you notice another plant  
from Fort Meade, Va., that I sent in  
the same package under a name  
*Synanthus crinitus*, & was it the  
you will find it as *Synanthus crinitus*  
in '02?

In my recent visit I had much  
pleasure in herbarizing, and saw  
many plants for the first time in  
living - One was some that I had  
never seen in my exchanges and  
purchases.

I mention several in the hope that  
you may find among them some  
that for the sake of locality or other  
reasons you may care to have.

I will gratify you to have the in-  
particular of the result of our ex-  
amination of the specimens you have  
which have no regard to the  
the specimens seem quite new to me.  
I have just read Mr. Leonard's note  
concerning your *Adiantum*, *M. l.* - as  
he at Roanoke. I had the luck to  
find six of the plants, some of which  
I gave to Nat. Chickering for his  
journal. A great number of the plants  
were taken that year in all the  
periodicals seemed more rare than  
in any I had ever seen before.

With very truly  
your sincere friend.

I have named my recent *Adiantum* in  
travelling, and am prepared to ~~find~~ <sup>hear of</sup> mistakes.  
I have quite a number of other plants that  
I have reserved for determining, until I  
may have more leisure, both and mate-  
rials for comparing. Yours

75 Park Ave, Balt<sup>o</sup>, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1881,  
Serenio Watson, Esq.  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have expected  
-ed to you quite a large bundle of plants.  
I had proposed to send you only such as  
- seem to be in request among my cor-  
-respondents. But your letter has led  
me to think, it might be worth while  
to add the common plants from this  
locality. I doubt whether many speci-  
-mens from Maryland are in the Cam-  
-bridge Herbarium.

When you look over these plants, please  
note for my information any errors  
you may observe in my names; also  
omissions to indicate varieties. Some  
of the Lobelia and Gerardia spec<sup>s</sup> are  
named with doubt; also Collinsonia  
scabrouscula.

I wrote to F. W. T. of Phil.<sup>a</sup>, as you sug-  
-gested, for a copy of the Occ. Torr. 3<sup>r</sup>.  
T. of N. H.; but he did not have

it. Westermann may be able to find  
it abroad. Since it will be so long  
before Dr. Gray gives us another  
volume of the revision or contin-  
uation, I will not put off any longer  
getting the old edition.

yours truly,  
John Douck Smith

Balt<sup>o</sup>. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1852.

My dear Sir:

I can apply your corrections of names in every case except that of the new *Corys japonica*.

In order that I may be able to identify it, will you please look at its ticket, and let me know if it was collected in Prince Edward Co. Va., or at High Island, Montgomery Co. Md.

I have two or three duplicates from each of these Stations; and if desired I will send you those from the same localities as the plant which Dr. Gray considers a new species.

Doubtless I can also collect next May specimens of the plant, whether it be in Virginia or in Maryland.

I presume from the name proposed, that one point of difference is the venation of the leaf; but in my specimens from both localities the teeth seem to be alike irregular in their depth and angularity.

Yours very truly,

J. M. W. Smith



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Nicotiana glauca,  
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St. Augustine, Fla. March 15<sup>th</sup> 1882

Dear Sir:

I mail to you, with the hope that they may reach you as live plants, a large tuberose root with young leaves, also several sprouted seed, of what I have judged, from flowers collected last year by Miss Reynolds, to be Xanthoxone sagittifolium.

The plants grow in an open, miry, sphagnum plain in the Pine Barrens a few miles north west from St. Augustine.

I had not before met with the plant, nor has it ever been offered to me in my exchanges and purchases. From that, as also from the published notices, I have supposed it to be one of the rarities, and perhaps desired for the Cambridge Gardens.

yours very truly,  
John Donnell Smith

Balto. May 7<sup>th</sup> 1852.

My dear Sir;

I feel a great desire to attend our Sep. Meeting next summer, and I intend proposing to Bayne, whom you will doubtless remember very well, that we go on together. I have maintained intimate relations with him ever since our College intimacy. He is an excellent fellow, and has attained great and distinguished in the practice of Law.

Although, as you say, our acquaintance was but slight in those days, yet I have a very distinct recollection of you, and can recall your recitation in the Third Division. It will be one of my pleasures at the Meeting next summer to see you again, and establish additional relations to those of late years as a botanical correspondent.

I am happy to learn that my plants have been of any use to yourself and Dr. Greene. Duplicates are now of little use to me for obtaining American plants,

since I have perhaps nearly all that can  
be obtained by exchange. Yet I cannot  
help taking several specimens when  
I meet with plants that interest me.  
For the privilege of leaving them pass  
through your hands, I will always be glad  
to send them on to Cambridge; it being  
understood that you are to give yourself  
no more trouble in the matter than they  
are worth to you.

I have not been surprised to learn, that  
some of the species of *Jepthyanthes* repre-  
sent your new species; and I think I have  
recognized them by the short anthers as  
well as by the narrow, dull-green leaves.

You make no comment upon my name,  
*Taccinium formosum* (Hook. & Greville,  
et Stapf<sup>\*</sup>); but I shall feel sure of its  
correctness without more direct sanction  
from you. I had expected it to be one of  
the forms of *T. corymbosum*, but on compar-  
ison it differed by the rounded base of  
leaf from all of my specimens.

Very sincerely yours,  
John Driscoll Smith

\* but apparently not *T. virgatum*, var.  
*parvifolium*, Gray.

I send a little package with scraps of what I had  
to be the same plant collected in 1879,  
and also of what seems to be more clearly  
*T. elliptici*, collected in 1880.

75 PARK AVE., BALTIMORE, MD.

Oakland, Garrett Co. Md.

30 Sept. 1882.

Simeon Watson, Esq.

Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Sir:

I have been making another visit to the Carolina Mts., and I have sent you its fruits in a package this day stamped.

You will find two or three plants, that are not quite so commonplace as those I usually send.

If I had waited until I returned to Balto, and could compare with my Herbarium, I would feel safer about the names for some of these spec. But I trust, you will with your usual good nature let me know of any errors.

I have a single spec. of Phlox glaberrima, L. that seems peculiar, but perhaps it merely the var. missilliana, Gr.; stem 3" high, woody

below; leaves on upper half in whorls (7) of  
threes; inflorescence pubescent. - If it is  
different from what you have seen, I will  
send it to you.

Payne had led to me to hope he might  
come on and go with me to the Clau-  
-meeting; but he had to change his plan,  
and I too would have found it incon-  
-venient to be absent from home just  
at that time. I heard of your attendance,  
- not prompt though as Prof. Eaton com-  
-plained.

I feel a strong desire to visit the Cam-  
-bridge Herbarium, and you must  
not be surprised should I come in  
upon you some day.

very sincerely yours,  
John Bouché Smith

What I now have:

Synopt. Tab. of N. A. vol. II Part I.

Botan. Contrib. Issued Dec. 31, 1870.

" May, 1872.

" Nov. 18, 1873.

Contribs. to Bot. N. A., V, presented June 13, & Oct. 11, 1876.

Botan. Contribs. III, issued Oct. 1, 1879.

Contribs. to N. A. Bot., issued June 26, 1882.

75 PARK AVE., BALTIMORE, MD.

21 Oct. 1882.

Prof. H. Gray,

Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Sir:

I am gratified  
at having my last summer's collec-  
tions of Compositae reviewed by you.

"Aster virgatus" was my worst blunder,  
as indeed I perceived as soon as I  
got back to town and could com-  
-pare.

As to the Aster spectabilis (sic) from the  
low grounds of Horse Cove, I fancied  
the involueral scales to be more  
obtusely strongly mucronate and  
ciliate, than in the A. aureolatus  
from the cliffs of Wild Cat Ridge.  
But comparing with spec. of A.  
spectabilis, I perceive the plant differs  
even in that character more from  
them, than it does from the above  
and other spec. of A. aureolatus.

You had the kindness to offer to supply  
what I lacked of your "Contributions to  
N. Am. Botany." I give on following page  
a list of such as I already have, and  
I will be very much obliged to you  
for any of the others that you may  
be able to supply.

Dr. Thos. H. Wood of Wilmington, N. C.,  
with whom you have perhaps corresponded,  
has asked me how he could procure  
a complete set of the "Contributions."  
If I am not asking too much I will  
add the request for three either to be  
sent to me for Dr. Wood, or else directly  
to him.

Very truly & gratefully, Yrs.

John Donnell Smith

75 PARK AVE., BALTIMORE, MD.

27 Oct. 1882.

Sereno Watson, Esq.  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Sir:

I have been deferring a remittance for the Palmer collection under the idea that I should receive a memorandum of the amt. due; but I presume \$80.<sup>00</sup> is the correct sum, and I now enclose check for that amt.

I have also been expecting to receive a list of names referring by numbers to the specs.; but there is no hurry about that. I suppose much remains to be done in that way.

I am appalled at the amount of writing required for filling in the habitats & dates on the tickets. But I find I can have these printed <sup>on</sup> quite reasonable terms. Can you not give me an estimate of the numbers of the specimens falling under each of the 32 letters which represent habitats & dates. I wish

such an estimate for the number of tickets  
to be provided, of course there is no occasion  
for the precise numbers, only make it large  
enough.

Thanks for the "contributions" of yourself  
and Mr. Gray just arrived. Please say  
to that gentleman, that perhaps the best  
way to acknowledge this favor, is to  
assure him, that I hope to use them.

yours most truly,  
John Branch Smith

Oakland, Garrett Co. Md.

1 Aug. 1883.

Dear Doctor Gray:

I mail to you numerous specimens of Hieracium scabrum, with characters, as it seems to me, lightly marked and varying gradually in the direction of H. venosum.

Under a separate cover, marked "2", I have put those plants that seem to fall off too far as regards robustness of stature, leafiness of stem, its glandular pilosity and gray pubescence above and its muricate hairiness below, number of florets, papillose pilosity of leaves. These specimens and perhaps some of the others I have supposed to be H. venosum of the Manual and of authors. But their radical and sub-caulescent leaves are more membranaceous, pubescent and attenuated into a petiole than in the usual form of that species.

I have thus been led to wonder, but without being able to decide, whether these Spec<sup>s</sup> are H. Carolinianum, and whether the H. venosum of Syn. Flor. N. A. will not be a plant with rather thick and succulent leaves.

True, none of my plants agree satisfactorily with my single specimen of H. Carolinianum, which has radical leaves obovate, shortly attenuate, sessile; stem quite glabrous; peduncles and involucre not even minutely glandular.

Should you find occasion to distinguish differently any of these plants, will you kindly return to me at this place by Express one or two named specimens. Otherwise do not trouble yourself about sending anything back.

I wrote to M<sup>r</sup>. Ward, and asked him to say to Prof. Chickering, that it was desirable for them to collect this season and submit to you Spec<sup>s</sup> with matured achenia of H. venosum, var. subcaulescens.

I prize very highly those Hieracia that

have been passed upon by you, and come back to me with your notes of correction or confirmation. Whenever you think my representations of any other Genus might perhaps serve you in your studies, I beg you will let me know; since I will esteem it a privilege to send them on for your inspection.

Very sincerely yours,  
John Russell Smith

Dr. A. Gray,  
Cambridge, Mass.

I now distinguish, better than  
when I wrote to you a few days  
ago, three forms in the specimens  
sent; viz. H. venosum, H.  
venosum, (a few plants of each),  
and (the great part of the plants)  
a form that I suspect is  
H. Carolinianum.

The habit of the last is suffic-  
iently peculiar to enable me  
always to pick it out at a  
glance. The ligules are smaller  
and more minutely incised than in  
H. venosum; involucre and peduncles  
with a minute webby pubescence  
as well as more glandular pilose;  
lower stem with squarrose hairs  
from a mucicose base; leaves cauli-  
cent, more membranaceous, and  
attenuated into a petiole.

John S. Smith  
Oakland, Cal. H. scabrum is just beginning  
4 Aug. 1883. to bloom here, and has no  
ripe achenia.



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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE

*Dr. A. Gray*

*Cambridge*

*Mass.*

Chattanooga Tenn.

31 Aug. 1883.

Dear Doctor Gray:

Your favor of  
27<sup>th</sup> has been forwarded to me  
here. You see I am taking my  
usual summer excursion to the  
Southern Alleghenies, stopping  
wherever I may stand a chance  
of picking up desirable plants  
for myself or my friends. I hope  
I may have some Compositae to send  
you when I get back to Balto. in  
October. I expect to pass the next  
three weeks in northern Georgia.

After sending you those Hieracium from  
Garrett Co. Md. I continued to collect  
spec<sup>s</sup>. H. patrum came out quite dis-  
tinct from the forms, which I took  
in my letter to be varieties in the direc-  
tion of H. venosum, and in my postal  
of later date to be H. venosum, var. sub-

cauliculis - (as you have indicated)  
H. Carolinianum, Nutt. I distinguished  
also H. venosum. In fact I found no oc-  
casion to alter the title expressed in  
the Postal.

When I get back to Oakland about the  
end of September, I will dispatch to  
you the spec. thus classed.

The species growing around Oakland  
begin to flower in the following order:

H. venosum - H. Carolinianum - H. ulmifolium  
H. paniculatum.

I congratulate you and myself that you  
have gone through Compositae and Rubi-  
aceae. The <sup>preceding</sup> ~~intermediate~~ orders, if not already  
disposed of, cannot take long; and then  
the second Sixth part of the N. H. Flora  
will have been occupied, and we shall  
soon be invited to enter in.

Many thanks for the two parts of article  
in Am. Trans. since, which I will doubtless  
find at Oakland. If part 1 come in dupli-  
-cate I will return it. - My address continues  
"Oakland, Garrett Co. Md."

Very sincerely yours,  
Gardner & Smith

Edinburg, Garrett Co. Md.

1 Oct. 1883.

Dear Doctor Gray:

After re-reading your notes of 27 Aug. and 1 Sept. it seems to me I cannot do better than send you everything I have collected here this summer in the way of Hiera-  
-cia.

I have classified the specimens under the names of H. venosum; H. ~~ex~~ Marianum?; H. scabrum and H. paniculatum. I find no difficulty in drawing a line between the second and third; but I hesitated a little about the first and second.

The immature spec<sup>s</sup>. of H. scabrum have leaves near the ground, but perhaps not such a radical tuft as you enquire about. During my absence between the middle of Aug. and the end of Sept. I had a few well matured spec<sup>s</sup>. of H. scabrum collected for you.

It astonishes me, that after more than  
40 years you have so clear a recollection  
of what you saw in the Berlin herbarium  
as to connect my species with H. Marianum  
Willd. But I am glad you are so much  
interested in their definitive identifica-  
-tion as to send them on to Berlin for  
comparison.

Thanks for your kind promise as to return  
me species names according to your  
final view. I will ask you to do this  
only, as regards the Cuban specimens.

The plants I have added to the package  
from my recent Southern Collections  
are only part of what I got, and I have  
kept a sufficient number of them.

I enclose tickets referring by numbers to  
the contents of the package. It goes out  
to-day by mail.

H. nemum & H. Marianum, as I met with  
them, were always growing together. At  
least the first always turned up not far  
off from the other.

I am greatly obliged to you for the three  
parts of the article reviewing DeCandolle's

I wish you had sent one copy of each part.  
You will recollect enquiring after the  
particular one part, or was via Dublin &c.  
Blessed Howard & Smith.  
He arrived with you in  
the usual one.  
75 Park Ave.  
Palis.

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

27 Nov. 1883.

Dear Doctor Gray:

It is a pleasant sensation to have a strong light turned on when one gropes about in the dark; and your observations upon some of my last summer's collections have enlightened me much in that way.

You correct several errors made from want of care, and several made in despite of care.

But how could I ever have identified that Helianthus with almost entire leaves, canescent beneath, lower ones tapering and upper abruptly contracted into very short petioles; invol. scales hispid, suba-

- lately and coriaceously attenuated, -  
as a var. of H. parviflorus, Benth. (H. microceph-  
-alus, T. & G.)

I made such a mess of it in the matter of  
Siphium Asteriscus, that it is hardly worth while  
to explain that my ticket for the plant design-  
-ated as var. pumilum should have been in  
this form: "S. Ast. var. pumilum, Wood. (S. pumilum,  
Pursh, Ell., not Michx.)" I now perceive that  
the only time I ever saw S. Asteriscus was  
when I collected the above plant.

I can remember for my satisfaction, that  
I gathered the ripest heads I could find of  
Helopsis gracilis. I fancied it would be of  
interest.

Dr. Gattiger once sent me a spec. that seems  
as to habit, and also as to axes of pappus,  
to be same as my Helennium parviflorum;

It came with his ticket "H. microcephalum,  
D.C. Cedar-Barrow, Lawrence Co. Tenn. July."  
I doubtless you have had the same from him.

Although closer examination showed  
me I had mistaken my own specimen,  
yet I now make out with much con-  
-fidence a plant from Dr. Mellichamp  
as Solidago Elliottii, T. & G. In the same  
set was S. pilosa, Walt.; so that the dis-  
-tinction drawn between them in  
Flora of N.A. could be verified.

He has also sent what seems Sabbatia  
paniculata, Pursh, not Ell.

I have never before been able to get  
either of these two plants, so I suppose  
they are rare and interesting ones.

Yours faithfully,

John Bonwell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

15 May, 1884.

Dear Doctor Gray:

Has not that parcel of  
Hieracia been overlooked, that your  
letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> has led me to expect?

My commission for fruited specimens  
of Halesia parviflora has been quite  
well executed. About a dozen or more  
little branches of leaves and fruit came  
today - green. So I have put them in  
press for you; but I enclose two or  
three drupes. Would you care to have  
them in a more matured state? I  
could easily get them.

The drupe is obliquely clavate, 4 and  
somewhat unequally winged; seed with

2-winged, and ~~thoroughly striated~~ interme-  
-diately veined, testa.

I am delighted to hear that the new  
volume of Synop. Flora is so soon  
to be in my hands.

yours faithfully,

John Donnell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

24 May, 1884.

Dear Doctor Gray:

M<sup>r</sup>. Watson in forwarding the Hieracia tells me of the holiday you are taking after bringing to a close your work upon the new volume of Syn. Fl.

Since those Oakland plants have led to the restoration of H. Marianum, I will allow myself to believe that I have had a chance to help the cause by sending them to you. I prophesy this will be a hard species for those people to make out, who do better with an artificial than with a natural classification.

I wish I could recall a term that  
I misused in writing to you about  
the fruit of Haleia: endocarp was  
what I meant by testa.

I have asked my correspondent at  
Magnolia to send more fruit, when  
it is dead ripe.

yours very sincerely,  
Josiah Donnell Smith

sent  
to Mrs. G.  
Sept. 1884

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Huntsville, Ala. 4 Sept. 1884.

Dear Dr. Gray:

I am delighted to  
learn from your Postal of 22 Aug.  
that the new part of Syn. Flora is  
now ready for us.

Will you please express to me two  
copies of it, - to Oakland, Garrett  
Co. Md. if you can send them  
before the end of this month,  
- and to 75 Park av. Balt. if later.  
I enclose check for <sup>5</sup>10. which I  
understand to be the cost.

I am now northward bound  
after travelling for the past five

weeks in regions further South in  
quest of plants that I had not before  
collected. But my success has been  
only moderate, as you will see when  
I send on my contribution to Cam-  
-bridge.

Mr. Lambly wrote to me that after the  
Phil.<sup>s</sup> meeting you might with twin-  
-self and some other friends take a  
little trip to the Carolina Mountains.  
I am hoping I may have the  
pleasure of coming across your  
party on my way home through  
North Carolina. That would indeed  
make up for much that I have  
failed to come across.

Very sincerely yours,  
John Donnell Smith

with him. I was charmed, as everyone  
must be, with the Doctor's genial  
manners and bright conversation.

Yours sincerely,

John Sounelle Smith

Serenus Watson, Esq.

Cambridge, Mass.

Looking over Eupatorium yesterday I noticed  
one of Palmer's Texas & Mexico plants of '79 & '80 for which  
the ticket "No. 435: E. altissimum" must be an error  
- probably of misplacement. The spec. has divided leaves,  
and may be E. pinnatifidum. But that is not  
among the published plants.

Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

23 Oct. 1884.

My dear Sir:

A little contribution to  
Harvard of specimens made last  
summer will be ready in a week  
or so; and I will have great  
pleasure in sending you at the  
same time what specimens of  
Rosa I have from Pennsylvania  
southward.

But they are few and I fancy of  
little account. I think my Herbar.  
would make a richer representation  
in almost every other Genus.  
I am amassing what seems to me

a huge lot plants; they occupy about 27,000 mounted sheets. They are filed away under the names as they come to me; and it is seldom that I examine, or make practical use of, any other than Cis-Mississippi specimens.

You will wonder then that I take so much trouble. But I have some purpose in addition to the mere <sup>forming</sup> of collections. Some day or other I shall turn over my Herb. to our new University - the John Hopkins.

Meanwhile to a great extent it is simply a mass of material for some future botanist to work in.

It is very satisfactory to have any part revised by competent persons; and I shall always be very glad

indeed to express to you, and have returned to me at my own cost, whatever specimen you may care to look over in your work.

It was not until after I had returned home, that I learned from your note of your wish that I should collect for you every thing in the form of a Rice that I might come across at the South.

My chief object in making a second visit to Roan Mt. was the hope of meeting Dr. Gray and his party. I calculated correctly as to the dates and places, and had the very great satisfaction of making his personal acquaintance, and spending a couple of days on the mountain

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

30 Oct. 1884.

My dear Doctor Gray: Samples of last  
summer's work in specimen-making  
go off today to Mr. Watson.

You told me, he never found any  
material superfluous when he came  
to study up a species; and accord-  
ingly I try to believe I am doing  
some good, as well as giving myself  
much enjoyment in scouring the  
the swamps and pine-barrens of  
the South.

For all Gamispetalae at least I have no

business to call upon you for help, having  
want<sup>in print</sup> your latest serj on the subject.

I am sure too, that I am only one  
out of very many persons from all  
over the land, who are soliciting  
your attention to their collection,  
and distracting your attention from  
better work. Still, I will hope that  
some half-hour of comparative leisure  
may come when you may find  
yourself disposed to run over my  
plants, and furnish me a note or  
two of whatever you may observe.

Since I left you and your friends on  
the Mountaintop I have heard no

news of your ~~after~~ movements. I trust  
you were able to continue to provide  
good entertainment for Mr. Ball on  
other fields.

For a gentleman, who sends me exul-  
-lent ferns from Jamaica, I desire  
a copy of the new part of Synop.  
Flora. Will you please have it  
mailed to me. I enclose check  
for £. <sup>7</sup>00

very sincerely yours,  
John Donnell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Dec. 16. 1884.

My dear Sir:

I beg to enclose check  
for \$5.00 to pay for the vol. of the  
Synopt. Flora, that came yesterday.

Mr. Canby has just sent me a  
visit - but it was a very little one.  
How much pleasure it would  
give me, if you would stop  
over in Baltimore some day  
when you visit Washington; and  
if you would stay at least long  
enough to look around at my  
Herbarium and dine with me.  
I think you would credit me

with having amassed a good  
deal of material during the past  
six years, that some future Bot-  
anist may work on.

Yours faithfully,

John Donald Smith

Prof. A. Gray,

Cambridge, Mass.

from Garber No. 8, and from Curtis No. 1981\*.

But perhaps I ought already to understand from the Synopt. flora, that you refer these Florida spec<sup>s</sup>. to H. spiliogera, Lam.

Doubtless Mr. Watson has returned, - bringing with him lots of plunder. If he will have any sets of plants for distribution, I sincerely hope there will be enough to go around and leave one for me.

I must not forget to tell you what Dr. Chapm. writes of that Utricularia that I sent you last fall sub "U. biflora, Lam. (U. fibrosa, Chapm. not Walt. & Ell.) - Sumterville, So. Car. Aug. 1884."

His identification is interesting: "This is what I found fifty years ago on the margins of a pond near Tallehance, and was then pronounced by Dr. Torrey to be U. bipartita, Ell., and is that of Southern Flora." Yours faithfully  
John Donnell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

16 May, 1885.

Dear Dr. Gray:

You and Mr. Gray are I hope not only safe back home, as you tell me, but also very much the better, for your long travels.

Dr. Barton has been conversing with me about the Convallaria. He expects to find a leisure half-day next week for accompanying me to Harford Co. in quest of it.

I am trying to induce Mr. Ewing to go with me next month to hunt for Reonitum reclinatum in the Cheat Mt. region, making our house at Oak-land the base of operations. He has sent me your recent letter giving recollections of the locality.

Best I am writing to you at this time with  
 the particular object of suggesting to you  
 the examination of those specimens  
 from the Florida Keys, which have  
 been distributed as Desmodium molle, etc.  
 You probably recollect that Dr. Chapman  
 thus refers them with a mark of doubt.  
 He describes I think, a different plant  
 from the true D. molle, as it is described  
 by DC. and Griseb. Some West India  
 specimens, that I have from Eggers,  
 seem quite distinct from specs. sub  
D. molle from Chapm., Garber (n. 30), and  
 Curtis (n. 623). Some of the differences  
 are: W. I. Plant.

Leaves, soft velvety.

Panicle, with erect branches.

Pedicels, strict 4" long, in close  
 fascicles of 2-5.

Loment 2, rarely 3, jointed; lower joint  
 twisted, imbricax, seed abortive;

Florida Plant.

Tuberous and glabrate.

Spreading, open.

Recurrent, pendulous 8-4"  
 long, in distant fascicles of  
 2-3.

With 4-6 equal, slightly  
 twisted, fertile joints.

superior joint much larger,  
 flat, oval, with one margin  
 reflex, fertile.

Presuming that your Herb. has either Eggers'  
 specimens, or others that present similar char-  
 -acters, I will not send you my specs: but  
 if you desire, I will gladly forward both  
 W. I. and Flor.<sup>a</sup> specs. D. torquatum, DC.  
 is the best guess I can make for the event  
 of the latter requiring a fresh reference.

I will also suggest an examination of Curtis'  
 n. 609\* sub Styronanthus elatior, Swz., var.

I had supposed this would prove to be S. pro-  
cumbens, Swz.; but habit, and short style,  
 scabrid toment, and absence of strik<sup>shape</sup> (pedicel?)  
 lead me to fancy it may be S. viscosa, Swz.

Eggers' Hypispectinata, Poit. is true to the des-  
 -criptions, and different from specimens  
 that Dr. Chapman has sent me, also

Oakland Garrett Co. Md. 30 June, 1880

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Dear Mr. Watson;

I am concerned to learn that the Guatemalan fever is hanging on so long, and that you find yourself constrained to abstain from work.

What a drawback that is upon travel in tropical land! I had hoped a Spring visitor might escape. Perhaps you were not duly careful about the hours of the day for exposing yourself.

In such regions I try not to be out unless the Sun is well up above the horizon <sup>either</sup> ~~both~~ east or west. That is the creed of Charlestonians; and they ought to know.

Many thanks for your satisfactory explanations in regard to those three stations

Smith

specimens from Curtis. That was a too  
mistake of Dr. Chapman's about the Cosmodium.  
That name reminds me, that I have received  
from him a specimen sub. C. glabellum from  
Georgia. I have not examined it. I am also  
promised this plant by Rev. Father Langlois  
of Plaquemine Parish, La. I mention this,  
because you once wrote, there was but a  
single specimen at Harvard, and it was an  
imperfectly known species.

Will you be so good as give to Dr. Gray my  
explanation in reference to Sonchella. I  
made two appointments with a friend to hunt  
for it at its supposed locality in Hartford Co.  
But each day it rained. Then I had to go to  
Virginia, and remained there until its season  
for blooming was past. I have preserved the  
memoranda, and hope to hunt it down next spring.

Perhaps the Fernie, that Mr. Chickering wants  
to compare, is what he and I in 1880 collected  
on Roaring Run, eastern slope of Roan Mt.  
But the flowers were blue. He thought it dif-  
ferent from T. sinuatum. I have been  
wishing for some years past to visit Dr. Gray's  
old station for the Reclining Fernie. Cheat  
Mt. is rather vague but Mr. Lamb has  
sent me Dr. Gray's recollections; and  
perhaps this year I will start south  
from Grafton in search of it.

Wishing you a speedy return to  
health, and strength for your favorite  
occupations,

Yours faithfully,

John Downell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

29 October, 1885.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I purvey more  
specimens for your Herbarium,  
- package to be expressed tomorrow.  
This year I ventured still fur-  
-ther from home, and collected  
in Ala. and Miss.

I wish I could have given more  
time to the Mississippi Coast.  
Its drifting sands, Bayou swamps  
and pine-barren ponds abounded  
in plants that were new to  
me, at least as growing ones.

When you look through the  
package, be so good as to

let me know where I have gone  
wrong in the names; but only  
when you can do so without  
trouble.

Yours faithfully,

John Russell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

29 Oct. 1885.

Dear Dr. Gray:

Mindful of your enquiry about the perennial root-stock of Mimulus alatus, I took advantage of an opportunity to collect it last summer, while I was visiting the South.

In a package of specimens to be mailed tomorrow to Mr. Watson I put a number of plants with rhizomes rooting at nodes, and also throwing up suckers.

I hope you may have a leisure half-hour to look over at least the Gamopetalae in my package.

I want particularly to hear from you  
about what I have ticketed Coccoreopsis  
Tembri. - C. senifolia, var. stellata.?

C. integrifolia is described in such dis-  
-crepant and imperfect ways by authors  
- from the Boerhaave down to Synopt. Fl.,  
that anomalous plants excite the  
hope of filling that bill.

The leaves of my specimens are strangely  
like the leaflets of C. hipteris. It seems  
to belong to Emcocoreopsis.

Helium parviflorum is abundant all  
around Marion, Ala.; and along the  
Pearl River, Rankin Co., Miss. Rev. Father  
Langlois has sent it to me from St. Jam-  
-many Parish, Louis<sup>a</sup>; and Dr. Gatzinger's  
H. microcephalum from Lawrence, Tenn.

appears to be H. parviflorum. So that  
this species cannot be so rare as I  
had imagined.

yours faithfully,  
John Donnell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

8 Jan. 1886.

My dear Dr. Gray:

After giving me ground to expect you to pass a day with me, you must on no account disappoint me.

From Washington let me know by what train and by which Road you will come, so that I may join you at the Balt. Station.

My home is with my father and sister, Mrs. von Haff; and we will expect you and Mr. Gray to come at once to the house.

and in the course of the day take  
lunch with us.

I will let Prof. Gilman know  
that I am expecting you next  
week and that I will take  
you to call upon him. I must  
show you also the Peabody Insti-  
tute with its splendid library  
for students and the new  
Pratt library for the general pub-  
-lic. I count too upon showing  
you the results of my seven years  
industry in amassing botanical  
specimens.

If you will be so good as to let me  
hear from you in time, I will  
ask Mr. Comby to come on to  
meet you.

Since you have used the above with my Remarks,  
will it not be just as well to keep the Observations  
and Thalassia, and return them all together  
in the box?  
Yours faithfully,  
John Howell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I hope you have made the journey quite comfortably to Washington. This sort of weather seems fearfully severe to us, but I dare say you do not mind it. Still I trust the fine weather we have been having until quite recently will return by the time you visit us.

Consult your own convenience entirely as to the day you select for coming to Balto.

When I hear from you I will let Pres. Gilman know that

we intend to pay him a visit.

Mr. Lamb, says he will come on to see  
you here.

Yours sincerely,

John Coumell Smith

Tuesday, 12 Jan.

that you propose upon Polyptet. But if many of your friends write you such long letters as this, they will cost you hours that would be better employed.

When you are next summoned to Washington, I hope our beautiful Park will be in its glory, and that you will let me show it to you.

yours faithfully,

John Donnell Smith

Dr. A. Gray,

Cambridge, Mass.

Remembering your suggestion about applying to Dr. A. G. Kerner of Vienna for a set of plants, and that you kindly offered to write a word in my behalf, may I ask you to do so either directly to that gentleman, or else in a note to be forwarded by me.

I propose to offer in exchange all or part as he may desire of the following:

Tringto Mexican, 1885, 400 sp.

Patterson Colorado, " 200 "

Reverahon Texas " 220 "

I offer only ~~this~~ last year's collections, since he may already have received former ones.

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD. 21 Jan. 1886.

My dear Dr. Gray:

The very next day after that pleasant one you passed with me, I despatched the photograph to Mr. Watson. And now I enclose another for Mr. Gray, with my compliments. As one of the lesser botanists I feel flattered at her wishing to add it to her collection. That must be a gallery of cosmopolitan notables, if it includes all the botanists, with whom you have, or have had, relations.

I have been thinking over your suggestions about altering those absurd herbarium-cases of mine. But I see difficulties; and even though the changes were practicable, still I could not provide in my present place for more than two or three years' increase

at the present rate of 4-5,000 mounted sheets per annum. By that time I shall have either to stop, or else to seek other quarters, or else to turn it over to the Johns-Hopkins. Doubtless the last will be the solution of the matter; and it will have to come at an earlier day than I had proposed. Meanwhile I will continue my work and outlay upon both herbarium and botanical library, so that when the time shall come for presenting them, it will be with the consciousness that I have done something of importance for the good cause.

Perhaps by that time the University will think it worth while to provide suitable accommodations, and to take advantage of opportunities to purchase important herbariums that may come into the market abroad. I could also upon their finding before that time some one to profess systematic botany,

and devote himself to work in that field. It had occurred to me before you mentioned his name, that Dr. Urban of the Berlin Herb. might perhaps be the right sort of man for the place. Prof. Gilman delight (you will remember his speaking of it) in having his people publish the results of their work. Now Urban has already monographed Medicago and Turneraceae, - the latter also for Flora Brasiliensis. He has Loasaceae in hand at this time nearly ready, and he is preparing a Flora of Porto Rico.

I may suggest to Mr. Gilman, that it might be worth while to ask you to make some enquiries about Urban of Prof. Eichler or others of your acquaintance in Berlin.

I hope now there will be nothing to draw you off into outside work from

75 Park ave. Balt<sup>o</sup>. 10 April, 1880.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Two days ago we got back from Florida. The visit was beneficial and pleasant to my father. But the season was most unfavorable for getting specimens, and I did almost nothing in that way.

Whenever it suits you, the box of Ranunculaceae may be expressed to me. Let me pay charges. You know how pleased I am to have my specimens come under your eyes.

Thanks to your letter respecting Prof. v. Hervey's interest, I am now advised of the arrival of about 1200 specimens that he has sent me; and he promises more to come through your hands for me hereafter.

I have a set of Palmer's collections of

1879 & 1880 in S. W. Texas and Northern Mexico  
(i.e. Coahuila & Nueva Leon). But the *Chimmarina*  
Plants, to which you refer, must be different.  
If so I would be glad to know how I could  
get them.

How glad you must be to have so good a  
worker as Pringle surveying for you.

He may be counted upon for exploring  
the terris templada & t. frigida of Mexico;  
but only a native botanist can be ex-  
pected to collect the plants of t. caliente.

Always at your service

yours faithfully,

John Donnell Smith

Will you please have forwarded to me  
the vol. of the new Edict. de Grammatelac  
of Syn. Fl.

75 Park ave., Balt<sup>o</sup>. 15 April, 1886.

Dear Dr. Gray:

The box of Ramme. with  
the new vol. of Gamepet. has come, and  
please find enclosed check \$5.<sup>00</sup> to pay  
for the book.

That is a curious little history of the  
results from misprinting 28 for 18 lb.  
Dealers are having manufactured and  
are advertising, Herbaria are buying,  
a paper in luxe such as <sup>you</sup> never thought  
of recommending. But I shall find  
it hard now to content myself with  
a less sumptuous article. It is now  
explained why my shelves fill up  
so much sooner than I had expected.

However, it is all the better for specimens  
that have to be much handled.

I thank you heartily for that Illyrian  
plant collected by you nearly forty seven  
years ago. What scenes and ideas must  
it recall to you. I prize it as a souvenir  
of yourself.

I must disclaim ownership of a spec. of  
R. hispidus (Macoua), that you have ~~sent~~  
in the box. If the true owner turns up,  
please let me know, so that I may forward  
it.

yours sincerely,

John Donnell Smith

75 Park ave. Balt. 1. May, 1886.

bear Dr. Gray: By Express package I  
make restitution to your herbarium  
of that specimen of Ranunc. hippidus  
which you included by error in those  
returned to me.

I use the opportunity to send you three or  
four plants that I got in Florida this  
Spring. There is something in each of  
them that makes me think you ought  
at least to glance at them.

I had thought of trying to make out  
the Sisyrinchium; it looks so much  
larger & more richly flowered than S. campe.  
But I have not the books, or the herb. material  
for comparison. Perhaps Mr. Watson

will be interested in looking at it. I  
remember, he has intimated that  
there are indications of other species  
from Florida.

acting upon your hint I procured a  
set of Palmers plants from Mexico 1885. It  
is curious how very different his collections  
are from Pringle's in the same State.

And I never saw a set of specimens with  
such a large proportion of n. sp.

yours sincerely,

John Donnell Smith

75 Park av. Balto. 15 June, 1886.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Will you kindly help me by turning to a book, that is neither in my own nor in the public libraries here.

I have referred a plant from Guatemala to Catopheria. It is not *C. capitata*, and I presume it is the other species enumerated in *Biol. Centr. Am.* — *C. Chiapensis*, A. Gr., ex Benth. in Hook. *So. sub t. 1215.* — (Grisbreght, 157.)

Will you take some leisure five minutes to look at either the description or the figure or the specimen, and let me know whether it has 3-partite bracts; central lobe long-subulate,

denticulate; lateral ones roundish, spreading.  
I would send you the thing itself instead  
of so incomplete a description of it,  
but the plants are now absent being  
mounted. If you report the bract  
of *C. chiapensis* anything like my  
description, I will venture to give  
that name to my specimen.

Yours very truly,  
John Torrence Smith

Your notes upon your Guatemala collections  
came very much apropos at a time  
when I was puzzling out a set of plants  
that M. von Türetkeim sent me from the  
highlands around Coban.

75 Park ave. Balt<sup>o</sup>. 19 June, 1886.

Dear Mr. Watson,

The information, you have kindly taken the pains to give, does not solve the Catoptheria problem in the way I had expected. But it helps by excluding C. chiapensis as well as C. spicata.

It is strange, that Hooker's figure of the latter does not indicate bracts subtending each flower. They are referred to in Benth. & Hooker's description of the Genus, also in DC's of both the Genus and that species. He also describes lower and upper bracts of C. capitata in such a way, as makes me now suspect Türekheim's plant must be very

near it, if not the thing itself.

My expression "3-parted" was perhaps an exaggerated term for what may indeed be regarded as lobing; but probably a more apt description of the bract would be, "broadly dilated at base, abruptly and retusely contracted above into a subulate prolongation."

That is not so different from what DC. says of it. When the specimen comes back to me from being mounted, I will re-examine, and I expect to find it agrees with C. capitata.

When you speak of the difficulties of working up Guatemala plants, you have in mind a very different sort of work from mine. I only

work over them, trying chiefly to make  
out the genera, and then to identify  
as many as I can with such  
descriptions, figures or specimens  
as I have at hand.

But I shall be better equipped with  
books, when I take up these plants  
again next fall.

Yours faithfully,

John Doucell Smith

Oakland Jan 4 Co.

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

23 Sept. 1880.

Dear Dr. Gray,

You are right in con-  
-sulting upon my taking any plants  
that you consider desirable addi-  
-tions to my Herbarium.

If the valuation you set upon  
the South African should prove  
too low, after you receive a letter  
from their Sender, or if the num-  
-ber of specimens should be greater  
than your estimate I shall  
expect you to let me know.  
Meanwhile I enclose check in

Payments according to your letter

270 sp. @ \$4.00 = \$1080.00

The box from Dr. Urban contained nearly 4,000 specimens from various quarters. The proportion of freight on your small package would be so trifling as to need no notice.

The Sinteris plants are not quite equal to my expectations: but Urban has of course done his work thoroughly. When you remark that "the best are still to come", you doubtless have in mind those most difficult orders or genera (*Mystecinae*, *Psoraleae*, *Lauraceae* *Piper* &c), that Urban has not yet worked out ready for distribution.

I exchanged letters from with H. Watson just before he sailed.

I hope it will be a good net for him, and a happy subscription & diversion for the work that has been his way of life for so many years.

yours faithfully  
John Donnell Smith

collections, so that I may have  
as extensive a claim upon time  
as possible.

Be so good as to return the letter.

yours faithfully,

John Russell Smith

J. D. Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Oakland, Garrett Co. Md.

24 Sept. 1880.

Dear Mr. Gray,

Since writing to you  
yesterday a long-expected letter  
from Dr. Glaziosi (Rio de Janeiro),  
has arrived.

I enclose it with the hope  
that you will feel an interest  
in <sup>the</sup> fulfillment of his liberal  
promises. My application  
for Dr. Glaziosi's collections was  
based upon the ground, that  
there was no set of them in

This country and that American  
Johann's would be served by  
their being placed in my hands,  
which is destined to become  
eventually that of the Johns-  
-Hopkins University.

You will already have guessed why  
I am writing this. It is to ask  
if you will find it proper to  
write a few lines expressing your  
interest in the matter, to be  
addressed either to Dr. G. or to  
myself, for me to enclose in  
my letter to him.

I propose to continue to send  
him Pringle's, Palmer's and other

species which has been found as far  
north as Panama, *V. ferruginea*. Nor  
do I identify it with any described in  
St. Paul's or in Flora Brasiliensis. It seems  
to come nearest to Warming's *V. magni-*  
*-ca*, but the combination of charac-  
-ters differs a little. Warming says  
it is one of the loquacious bees, covered  
with bloom and conspicuous from  
afar.

Very sincerely yours,

John Donnell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Catland, Sept 11. 1882

28 Sept. 1882

Dear Dr. Gray:

A year and a half after  
my box of plants and letter announ-  
-cing it were despatched elapsed  
before I heard a word from Dr.  
Grayson. This makes me rather  
doubtful whether his fair promises  
can be counted upon. But my  
chances are very much bettered  
by having your kind letter so  
forward to him.

Enclosed I substitute check for \$2.00

in view of the one returned by you  
to you for the plants from the lake.  
The spare duplicates of Merwin  
and Bides' collections that you  
think you could send me, would  
be very acceptable. I hope you  
have some one to spare you all  
the time and trouble of putting  
up the package; else I could  
not consent to have you occupy  
yourself with such a matter.

Mr von Turckheim is now sending  
me large numbers of really admir-  
able specimens from the highlands  
of Guatemala. After I shall have  
worked over them for a time,

time in the endeavor to fit as  
many as I can with names I  
intend to present a set to you  
Anbarium. Mr T. is very careful  
about his numbering, although  
very few of his plants come with  
names. Some years ago a good  
many of his plants went to  
Europe; and you doubtless  
come across their citations from  
time to time.

From the virgin forests of Tansamala,  
- never before visited by any col-  
-lector as he writes, - Mr T. sends  
what I can refer without doubt  
to Psychia; but it is not that only

75 Park ave., Balt<sup>o</sup>. 13 Oct. 1886.

Dear Dr. Gray:

Dr. Urban has sent me the enclosed account for freight & charges paid by him on the box of plants sent us last summer. I have mailed  $\$4$  to him a draft for the entire amount  $69.<sup>60</sup>$  RM. for which I have paid  $16.<sup>56</sup>$  The proportion charged by Dr. Urban to the University is one fourth. So that if you find the amount correct, you may send me  $\$4.<sup>14</sup>$

There has been an error in forwarding the box via England instead of a direct shipment from Hamburg to New York; and for this reason the charges are much in excess of what they might have been.

Yours faithfully,

John Donald Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD. 4 Dec. 1886.

My dear Mr. Watson,

Welcome home again;  
and I hope you have come back well  
cured of every Guatemala affection save  
that for its plants. How much you  
must have enjoyed your outing.

Dr. Urban's microscopic script is  
always a puzzle, and it usually takes  
me several readings to decipher it  
completely. His account for the Sin-  
tem's plants is doubtless that which I  
enclose. I found it in full last sum-  
mer; and when Dr. Gray inquired last  
October about his proposition, "I was

him also this bill and received from  
him the Harvard share of it: 4.<sup>14</sup>

Doubtless Dr. Urban wrote that letter to  
you before he had received my remittance  
of the entire amount: 69<sup>60</sup> R.M.

So that you have now nothing to  
pay either to him or to me.

Dr. H. imputes the blame to his "Spedi-  
teur" for the indirect forwarding via  
London that has brought upon us  
these absurdly high charges.

As Dr. Gray requested, I have directed  
Dr. Urban to forward future distributions  
of his Porto Rico plants through Dr.  
Plügel of the Smithsonian Agency.

These plants have not quite

fulfilled all my expectations. But  
I presume he is holding back for  
critical study those that will have  
the greatest interest from their  
rarity or obscurity.

Quantities of unfinished work  
have doubtless met you on your  
return to the Herbarium. But unless  
my memory of you is at fault,  
you can take such things placidly,  
and let each take its turn in due  
course.

Yours faithfully

John Douce Jones

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

31 Dec. 1886.

Dear Mr. Gray,

I will most gladly act with you in taking at an advanced price one or more sets of Pringle's proposed collections on the western slopes of the Cordilleras. Please consider yourself authorized to act for me in the matter. I will be content to pay either a <sup>very</sup> high price for one set, or else a moderately increased price for three sets. Whatever his other subscribers do will be satisfactory to me also.

What a charming country that

must be! I can sympathize with  
Mr. Pringle's enthusiasm. Some day  
I may offer myself as an appren-  
-tice or rather journeyman.

I wish for you the New Year may  
be one of health and happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

John Donnell Smith

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

19 Jan. 1887.

My dear Dr Gray,

You oblige me greatly  
by putting me on the footing of the  
most favoured. I shall not let  
others know that <sup>you</sup> suspend your rule,  
and have sent me plants from the  
Herb. to look at.

Will you then direct Mr. Sutcliff,  
with whom I have been in corre-  
-spondence on the subject, to express  
to me the specimens referred to  
on his enclosed list. Mr. Mehan  
has written to me about his am-  
-biguous plants; and I would be

glad to have a look at them.

I will take good care of every thing, and take no liberties with either flowers or fruits, unless they are detached and un-sprung. In such case I may venture to cut up one or two.

You oblige me by letting me know of an opportunity to serve the good cause, by joining in your project to promote Mr. Pringle's work. It will suit me quite well to advance whatever amount you find proper.

Please let me know the sum you think suitable for me to contribute, and whether I shall send it to you.

That would seem best, and more

agreeable to Mr. Pringle than a direct proffer from me.

Always at your service  
yours faithfully

John Samuel Smith

I do think Mr. Condy, an excellent fellow! Who else would have vol-untarily to make known my wish for speed not only to you, but also to the Phil<sup>a</sup>. Acad.

75 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD. 28 Jan. 1887.

Dear Dr. Gray,

Every thing that you have sent  
is most welcome for its own sake, and  
as token of your kind thoughts of me.  
Wright's Cuban plants will be particularly  
useful.

The set of Hepaticae is marked "set no. 11,  
143 specimens". I presume I may reckon  
that as their number. At the rate you  
suggested, 8¢ per 100 they come to \$11.<sup>44</sup>  
Will you please therefore receive my  
check, enclosed, for that amount.

I will take good care of the Hepaticae,  
and in returning them will add

a spec. of *H. parviflora* that I collected last

March in Fla.

always at your service

Yours faithfully,

John Bruce Smith

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD. 29. Nov. 1887.

My dear Dr. Gray,

I have sent on to  
Miss Conly and Redfield your  
pleasant letter of leave-taking.  
How much we will hope, that  
after you have been at sea for  
a few days both catarrh and  
lumbago will have left you  
forever.

Since nothing less heroic than  
a sea-voyage treatment could  
cure you of the more serious  
malady - addiction to too  
much work - , we will

acquiesce with a good grace as possible  
in your going away from  
us, and I wish you a happy  
voyage, a pleasant sojourn, and  
a safe return.

Yours faithfully,

John Dr. M. Smith

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD. 16 June, 1887.

Dear Mr. Watson,

Mr. E. Herber has sent me two small sets of plants collected by him in Mexico, - near Orizaba I presume. Their numbers (401-444) are in continuation of those (1-400), of which Fournier's determinations were published in Beiblatt to Engler's Botanische Jahrbucher, 1884. Mr. Herber tells me the present plants have not yet been distributed to any one else. He declines payment for them in the hope that I may be able to send him their determinations, and talks of sending more on similar terms.

would it suit you to name the plants?

If so I will send you both sets, and you can keep one of them.

But if you are too busy with other matters to take up these plants, I will at any rate send you one of the sets after I shall have done what I can toward making them out. But I leave town in about ten days for my usual summer home at Oakland, and shall not be able to do anything with these plants before next fall.

I shall not be able to meet our classmates this year, and I will ask you to express to them my regrets

and assurances of kind regards.

I am much confined by my aged father's infirm condition. He is now 87 years old, and has become greatly dependent upon me, so that I am seldom away from him for many hours at a time.

Your pamphlet on the Guatemala plants was duly received, and I am glad you could spare me the copy.

I shall have a big lot of Guatemala plants to send you next fall.

Yours faithfully

John Russell Smith

Hurkin plants will hardly give you much trouble. They do not look like it.

Dear Mr. Watson,

Possibly it was in 1883 or 1885 that Herber's Pflanzen aus Mexico was advertised in Beiblatt to Bot. Jahrb., as for sale by Dr. Keck; and lists were added of the first 50 numbers determined by Fournier. This related to the first two Centuries. Subsequently two more Centuries were advertised, and lists of about 120 names given - all but two of them by Fournier.

I will do what I can to make out his numbers 401-444, and send you the extra set next fall.

I am not able to refer more precisely  
to the above Beiblatt, since it was  
not bound up in its regular place  
in the volume, and bears no date.

Yours very truly,

John Donick Smith

505 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Oakland, Garrett Co. Md.

28 June, 1887.

Dear Mr. Watson,

My friend, Mr. Thomas  
A. Morgan of Lexington, Ky., propo-  
ses to attend Prof. Goodale's Sum-  
mer School; and I beg leave to com-  
mend him to your notice as  
a young gentleman, who is  
devoting himself with earnestness  
to biological studies. He has  
been for the past year a student  
for the degree of Ph. D. at the  
Johns Hopkins University.

I feel myself accountable in

a measure for the influence my  
example and counsels for some  
years past have had in directing  
Mr. Morgan's attention to Natural  
History, and in encouraging him  
to look forward to it as his profes-  
sion.

I hope you will recommend him  
to Prof. Goodale, and will give him  
what advice and assistance you  
can in his studies.

yours faithfully,

John Cornwell Smith

Dr. Srenno Watson,

Cambridge, Mass.

J. D. Smith

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD. 11 October, 1887.

Dear Mr. Gray,

Those English friends  
have been making so much of  
you, that I had not thought  
they would let you leave them  
so early in the autumn.

I heartily bid you welcome home  
again. You say you are well;  
and I hope that means you are  
quite rid of the bronchial affec-  
tion that was worrying you  
last Spring.

Mr. Pringle has had his troubles  
and disappointments, but seems  
at last pretty sure of material

for a good distribution. I wish  
to unite with yourself and others  
in helping him on with his  
work. Please let me know how  
I may do so, since I wish to  
bear my share of the expense.

Yours faithfully,

John Bonnell Smith

I have passed another summer  
at Oakland. My father's increasing  
infirmities - (in his 88<sup>th</sup> year) -  
make him dependent upon me  
in many ways, and I am now  
long away from him.

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD. 30 Nov. 1887.

Dear Mr. Watson,

If I am not asking  
too great a favor, will you lend me  
for comparison specimens of your  
Borstenia Choconiana, and Pauiflora  
Choconiana. I seem to have both  
from Turckheim, but desire to make  
sure.

I would be glad to see also Harpegye  
arborescens, Gray; and H. Cubensis, Griseb.  
Doubtless you have the typical speci-  
-mens of both.

I regret to hear that Dr. Gray has  
not been well of late; but I trust

he will soon be fit for duty again.  
within the past few days, but before the  
news had reached me, that he was  
not at work, I sent him a Great-  
mala plant, that was too much  
for me.

Yours faithfully  
John Donnell Smith

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD. 5 Dec. 1887.

Dear Mr. Watson,

The sorrow, that so many of us will feel, must come with peculiar force to you, who have been so long and so closely associated with Dr. Gray.

It has been my hope, that at some time I might be thrown more into his society and learn to know him better personally. But I fear it is now too late. I should think no one could be much with him without becoming deeply attached to him.

How much I should miss his

kind help and bright letters. I always  
have him in mind, when I am  
occupied with any sort of botanical  
work. But perhaps your letter makes  
me feel more hopeful about his  
recovery than you intended. May  
I ask you to write me a line or  
two by postal card, when you can  
give any further news about our  
dear Dr. Gray.

The package came this morning,  
and I will return the two specimens  
in a few days. Perhaps you over-  
looked my request to see Harpalyce  
arborescens, and H. Cubensis; or perhaps  
they are not at Cambridge. I have

a plant that seems distinct from both;  
but the former has not been very  
fully described.

May I turn over to you for des-  
cription that singular Acanthaceae  
with spatheiform but 3-parted calyx  
and huge saccate-ventricose corolla?

I shall be glad if you will take charge  
of it; and if you wish I will send you  
back the specimens.

But you must have no heart at  
this time for such matters, and I  
must not trouble you.

yours faithfully,

John Bonack Smith.

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD. 15 Dec. 1887.

Dear Mr. Watson

Your letter through your  
Postal Card has come to me from Mr.  
Candy and others, and there seems no  
reason for any hope about Mr. Gray.

I esteem it a great privilege to be able  
to see specimens from the Harvard  
Herb.: and I know it is one that not  
every one is permitted to enjoy.

I return today by express those you  
sent me: and I have added the *Quercus*  
*anala* plants from Tinschheim that I  
wished to compare. I think you will  
agree with me that the *Panicum* is

identical as a species with yours, in  
spite of some peculiarities as an individual  
nat.

But it does not seem to them about  
the Dorskenia. Species of the genus appear  
to vary wonderfully in their leaves. Yet  
none of my numerous specimens - in  
various stages of growth - show any  
disposition to be lobed. The system  
of venation differs a little from the  
absence of distinct cortical vessels. The  
texture is more membranaceous. Perhaps  
you have examined the flowers of D. Chow-  
niana, and can tell whether they agree.  
Your description seems wide enough  
to comprehend Tuck's Plant. I shall

be glad to have your opinion.

Yours sincerely,

John Samuel Smith.

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD. 18 Feb. 1888.

My dear Dr. Watson

I am distressed  
to hear such bad news about poor  
Mr. Saksdorf. He has often obliged  
me with copies from books that  
I had not access to.

In the present case I had not expect-  
ed to trouble you; but I cannot  
say that I regret it. Without your  
help I should not have known  
where a copy of "The Garden" could  
be found.

The description of *Cobaea campanulata*  
shows a plant differing in most, but

not in all respects as my Guatemala  
specimen does from C. macrostemma,

I presume Mr. Pringle's collections have  
given you much work of late. You  
have now to take up the Gymnopetalae;  
and I suppose you have very much  
lost the run of them. I hope Mr.  
Pringle sees his way clear to going  
on with his excellent work. I  
feel a pleasure in joining others  
to promote such annual purveyings  
to the Cambridge workers of material  
for contributors to American Botany.

I hope you will bear in mind,  
that I am counting upon you  
(at your own good time) to describe

the supposed new genus of Acanthaceae.  
The specimens will be sent on, if you  
need them again, whenever you let  
me hear from you.

yours faithfully,

John Donnell-Smith

from those of the staminate flowers, and  
polliniferous; nor were the connecting hairs  
present. I sent some fresh flowers of  
both kinds to h. Canby. I take from  
press a few that I will mail to you.  
But later I hope to be able to send  
you better specimens.

I saw a bud of what seems to be Rho-  
codendron Noveboracense. It was collected on  
Grandfather Mt. N. Car. Of this too I hope  
to get good specimens.

I forgot to say that the Darbya came  
from a spot a few miles south of  
Columbia, So. Car.

Canby tells me h. Targuiot is making  
a critical study of Darbya from Hyams'  
specimens. I think Miss Taylor will make

505 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD. 28 April, 1888.

Dear Dr. Watson,

Dr. Urban had written to  
me about the second installment of the  
Sintenis-Parks Rio plants. The first were  
rather common plants; I hope these will  
have more interest.

My experience with the New York Customs  
House is like yours. I find it much better  
to have my things shipped direct to  
Balt<sup>o</sup>.

You are right; there was a little balance  
due me on Urban's last shipment; and  
we will now call it square.

Loutheridium is a happy thought. Watkins  
could be more appropriate. But why

not call it my little bathing tub, instead  
of Turckheim's? I want to give an  
approved form in case any one should  
wish to call a n. sp. after me. Dr. Gray  
wrote Polygonum Hartwrightii; and  
two common surnames have been con-  
solidated with Christian ones in  
Athlastackia, Carlswrightia, &c. If you  
furnish a precedent for Connellsmithii,  
no one will think to compliment me  
by inflicting Smithii upon any of  
my new plants from Guatemala.

I am glad to have your opinion  
about the Pitcairnea. I will try to  
describe what distinguishes it from P.  
Jelskane.

When will you go on with the account

of your own gatherings on Lake Yzabal &  
Rio Chocou? Nearly nine tenths of  
your plants remain for you to  
enumerate.

Some plants collected last year at  
the South by a Balt<sup>o</sup>. lady of a botan-  
ical turn were sent to me to name,  
and I found among them a stami-  
nate plant of Darbya umbellata. This  
year she went back at my instiga-  
tion to look for pistillate plants, and  
she has just sent them to me in  
fresh state, so that I could examine  
them readily. They are simply dioicous,  
and not andro-monoicous; in a num-  
ber of flowers, that I looked at, the anthers  
of the pistillate flowers were dissimilar

arrangements to have it collected  
later in the season with pistil to  
show all about the disputed ovules,  
and later still in fruit.

Everything that I have or shall have,  
and I can say the same for Miss Tay-  
lor, will be at Prof. Sargent's service.

Yours faithfully,

John Donnell Smith

from the Herbarium?

I return to Balt<sup>o</sup> on 19<sup>th</sup>

yours faithfully,

John Donnell Smith

505 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

Hampden-Sidney College, Penna. Edward  
17 Nov. 1888. C. J. W.

Dear Dr. Watson,

I write from this queer little old-time college, where I sometimes pay a visit to my brother-in-law, Prof. Blair. It would remind you, as it does me, of our sojourn in the Alabama Cambridge; for in this region the colored faces outnumber the white ones just about as two to one; and we are seven miles from a Rail-road.

But it is about Cambridge, and

not Hampton-Siding, that I intended  
to write to you. Last summer you  
advised me to bring my Guatemalan  
plants to the Herbarium and study  
them out there. This work has  
been dragging so, that I must  
adopt some way to get along  
faster. I will therefore construe  
your advice as an invitation  
likewise, and you may expect  
to see me toward the last week  
in this month, - preceded by the  
arrival at the Herbarium of a  
large trunk with the plants. Don't  
fear to give it place: I will answer  
for it, that not a single insect  
is in the trunk. Every plant has

been dipped in corr. subl.  
von Wirtenheim has sent me 826  
numbers. Of them all except the Or-  
chideae and some 30 others have  
been referred more or less satisfacto-  
-rily; several however only to their  
genera. The work in view is therefore  
chiefly mere collation with your  
specimens. I hope therefore two or  
three weeks will suffice for getting  
through with all except the Rehidae.  
I must let them alone for the present.

Of course there will be no trouble  
about getting quarters in Cam-  
-bridge. I would prefer a Hotel  
to a Boarding House. Can you  
name one, not too far off

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD.

5 Jan. 1889.

My dear Watson,

Unless my memory is  
at fault I saw in the Herbarium  
one or more specimens of Ocypleuria  
quinquevervia Tr., or perhaps it  
was ticketed Glidemia cyanocarpa  
Benth. I would like much to  
have another look at it just at  
this time. Will you do me the  
favor to mail it to me?

I have also a specimen of Blatea  
to study out. Further oblige me  
by sending any specimens you  
may have of that small genus.  
Both belong to the Melastomaceae

I am looking forward to another  
visit to Cambridge about 25<sup>th</sup>  
with the compliments of the  
season.

Yours faithfully,  
John Bonnell Smith

Mr. Lewis Watson,  
Cambridge, Mass.

505 Park ave. Balt<sup>o</sup>.

12 Jan. 1889.

My dear Mr. Watson,

I beg your acceptance of a  
Brock Dismonting Microscope, that I have forwarded  
to you by Express. I thought you would be with  
interest on that I had in use; and I hope you  
will find it, as I do, a handy article.

The plants you kindly lent, go back today by  
post. The Cedropleura is I think C. diversifolia Tr., and  
not the species I was curious to see, C. quinquevrvia Tr.  
(Chlidemia cyanocarpa, Benth.).

Your consultation of the vol. of Gartenflora sets my  
mind at ease about the Tetranema n.sp. It is  
wearisome work going over all those volumes of Justi  
Bot. Jahrb., to see if any of my plants have been pub-  
lished <sup>in obscure places</sup> during the last 13 years.

Yours faithfully,

Johnston & Smith

I enclose stamps to re-emburse you for the postage on  
package.

505 Park ave. Balto. 23 May, 1889.

Dear Watson,

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I have been back from my trip to Guatemala more than a week. Many things about it proved different from what I had planned; but the general experience was pleasant, and in spite of many unfavorable circumstances I collected a considerable number of plants.

Mrs. Pate at Orzabal told me you had asked her to send you ripe seed of Atalea cochui, and she said she would certainly do so. Relying upon this I gave myself no concern about the matter. Still I have three seeds, and if you wish, I can send you two of them.

I am now making up eight sets of the Türekheim plants. In order to make the material go around, the representations are not so full as I could wish.

Be so good as to give me the proper addresses  
for the boxes that I wish to send to <sup>the</sup> Herbaria  
Berlin and Paris herbaria.

I suppose the Smithsonian will undertake  
to forward.

I took your advice and sent to Cogniaux  
some Melastomaceae. His reply is very  
satisfactory, and <sup>has</sup> encouraged me to  
send him duplicates of every Cucurbi-  
taceae and Melastomaceae on my Catalogue,  
also of Tiroleseae and my subsequent  
collections. He found four new species  
among those I sent, and confirms as good  
species the three Melastomaceae that I  
had described.

He offers also to elaborate my Peperidaceae, to  
see as I have had good luck in  
establishing relations with M. Cogniaux.

I remember a Salvinia  
among your Guat. plants. Yours faithfully  
Please let me see a spec.  
of it. I think you had  
it named by some one. John Donnell Smith

505 Park ave. Balt<sup>o</sup>. 30 May, 1889.

My dear Watson,

Tomorrow I will express to you a set of the Guatemala plants, enumerated in my Catalogue. They do not hold out as well as I had hoped; and in trying to make them go around, I do injustice to the completeness of von Turckheim's specimens. I hope to supply hereafter the plants lacking in your set, (and also additional species), from Turckheim's further collections, and from the material I collected that is not yet worked out.

If you observe any specimens without tickets, let me know their numbers so that I can supply them.

I had to make my visit to Guatemala shorter than I expected, as some duties

at home called me back. It was all  
so short for what I had counted  
upon doing, and yet long enough  
to let me do considerable collecting,  
and enjoy myself in various ways.  
I was delayed a week at Livingston;  
was six days en route from there to  
Panzos, staying two of them at Yzabel.  
Türkheim met me at Panzos, and we  
rode around by way of Senahú,  
Arenal, Panzamalá to Cobán. I  
came back by the cart. road via Tactic,  
Tamajú, La Tinta &c to Panzos. Türkheim  
was extremely attentive, taking entire  
charge of me, putting himself, his  
animals, his mozos, his house & every-  
thing at my service, and relieving me  
of all trouble. I wish you had been  
with me.

I had to expose myself more in the

Low country more than I had counted,  
but I seem to have got off without  
fever.

Thanks for the spec. of Salvinia. It looks  
like what I got in the River at Panzer.  
I sent you a nut of Attaha lobata, but  
it is, as you observe, probably immature.

Potts from all accounts is getting rich.  
He sends off a brick or two of gold  
every now and then. N<sup>o</sup> P. is very  
nice, I think. But I spent only  
one evening at their house.

How is the Manual getting on? Will  
it be on time, and be ready for  
us in June?

Yours faithfully,  
John Bonwell Smith

9. *Tibouchia longifolia*, Baill. det. Cogniaux.  
 540. *Aceria axillaris*, Cogn. "  
 306. *Monochaetum rivulare*, Naud. "  
 1233. *Conostegia hirtella*, Cogn. n. sp. "  
 1232. *Conostegia montana*, D. Don. "  
 255. *Miconia dodecandra* Cogn. (*M. Fother-*  
*-gilla*, Naud. part. ). det. Cogn.  
 1317. *Miconia Guatemalensis*, Cogn. n. sp. "  
 924. = 1317.

1054. *Nephrrodium catocarpum*, Hook. - Without  
 doubt fid Eaton.

My dear Watson, There are some corrections and  
 additions that I beg you to make on the tickets of  
 my Guat. plants.  
 Thanks for the description of *Sahlia exulta*. If I had  
 known what trouble it would give you, I should have  
 put off satisfying my curiosity, until I bring on my  
 things to Harvard next winter. But it is a pleasure  
 to be able to give meanwhile this name to W. W. Tuck-  
 -heim. I have been detained late in town this  
 summer, but leave in a couple of days for Oakland.  
 Balte 8 July. Wm. D. S.

505 Park ave. Balto. 28 Oct. 1889.

Dear Watson, Let me again thank you for help  
from your library and herbarium.

I want a description of Oxalis Zeypei. Urban refers to  
it (Berlin Bot. Jahrb. III. 243) O. exculenta of gardens.  
The latter is described by Otto Dietrich Allg. Gartenzeitung  
III (1835) 388. Urban refers to O. Zeypei also O. Uta-  
-phylla, Link & Otto 21 t. 11, (non Cav.). I have  
no recollection of the Allg. Gart. Zeitung in your  
library; in that case you will not probably  
be able to help me. My plant differs from plate  
of Leddiges by oblong-rhomboid lobes of 3-foliate  
leaves &c. (I enclose a few leaves). Perhaps Link  
& Otto's plate, or that in Sweet Brit. Fl. Gard. 1831. 96,  
would agree with my plant (account).

From the herbarium I would be glad  
to have for comparison specimen of  
Myrodia (except M. turbinata); also any Mexi-  
-can or Cent. Amer. specimens of Styrax.

Yours faithfully, John Dougal Smith

Balt<sup>o</sup>. 14 Nov. 1889.

Dear Watson,

The plants, that you lent to me,  
go back to day; and I enclose stamps  
to re-emburse the Herbarium.

Faxon writes me, that he has been  
at work on a Plate for the Manual,  
so that I see we shall have to  
still wait a little.

yours sincerely,

505 PARK AVENUE,  
BALTIMORE, MD.

22 May, 1890

My dear Watson,

Returning home  
about a week ago from my  
four months absence, I found  
a large box of plants from  
Urban. He writes, that 12 bun-  
dles marked "Cambridge", con-  
taining 600 nos. *Sintenis Pl. Port-*  
*oric.*, are for you, and asks  
me to forward. How shall I  
send, by express or as freight?  
There are also 500 nos. for Canby.

Had a most agreeable visit  
to Guatemala, and collected  
around the Capital, Amatlan,

Guatemala (including various  
points along Rail Road),  
Antigua, and best of all  
the slopes of Volcan de Agua.  
Brought back about 600  
specimens, averaging three  
or four specimens of  
each.

Yours faithfully,

John Samuel Smith

505 PARK AVENUE,

BALTIMORE, MD. 28 May, 1890.

My dear Watson:

The box with plants from  
urban goes today by Steam? They were  
only an inconsiderable part of the con-  
-tents of the huge case he sent me; so that  
there is no charge against you.

At last you have a helper; but you  
will not learn how much he can  
help until he has become acquainted  
with your ways of conducting the  
Herbarium and the Library.

Glacé to of the prospect of increasing  
the endowment of the Herbarium.  
When the time comes for receiving  
small contributions, please

let me know, as I would like to  
give something.

I wish I could get more help  
in determining the Guatemalan  
plants. I am relieved of the fol-  
-lowing orders thus:

Cucurbitaceae, Melastomaceae, and  
orchideae - Cogniaux.

Umbelliferae - Conzatti & Roux.

Acaeciae - Engler.

Juncaceae - Coville.

Cyperaceae - Britton.

Gramineae - Vasey.

Commelinaceae - Clarke.

How I wish you had time to  
attend to a few orders, such as  
Euphorbiaceae, Loranthaceae, Convolvulaceae,  
Acanthaceae, Asclepiadaceae;

(all of which have but few specimens);  
or better still the great orders of Legu-  
-minosae and Compositae, which  
are represented by numerous numbers.  
But I know how busy you are,  
and I don't expect you to  
take this further load on your  
shoulders.

How do you think it would do to  
ask Mr. Baker to name some  
of the orders, that he has recently  
been monographing?

Yours faithfully  
John Bonnell Smith

505-Park ave. Balto.

11 Nov. 1890.

My dear Watson:

Can you send  
me any specimens for exami-  
-nation of Rhuschia (excluding  
R. clusiifolia); also anything  
you have of Nucleamia. <sup>also</sup> Balicowrea  
Rhuschia Mexicana seems described <sup>highly</sup>  
only in Adansonia X. 241., and  
that is not accessible for me.

If not too much trouble,  
please send me a copy of  
the description.

Yours faithfully,  
John Small Smith

505 Park ave. Balt<sup>o</sup>. 21 Nov. 1890.

My dear Watson,

The specimen you sent from Cambridge proved most remarkable. The Policonra is the same as I collected along Rio Dulce and also at Yzabal, and which I feel pretty safe in calling P. triphylla; it seems same also as P. parvi-flora, Benth. I think you will probably find it among your collections. If so will you not send it to me to look at? My Rumex is R. Sourenkeri, but I will not venture to say what variety if any.

The Nachania is a var. of the species I distributed last year: N. coriifolia.

I returned the plants this morning

by Express.

I see the end of my work. About the end of the year I cannot expect finishing the stems of all the plants, that remain after taking out about a third of them, that others are working up for me.

I wish to take to Cambridge some plants, that I have been unable to name specifically; and so I hope to spend with you the first two weeks in January.

A lobed-leaved Bouernia has been puzzling me all today. I thought I read the imperfectly known B. integrifolia. But there are characters that conflict both for leaf and

for flower. How I wish I had a few minutes to look at that excellent drawing of B. integrifolia, that you showed me in your library. If it seems to you quite proper and in order, would you send me that plate to look at. I will be extremely careful of it. But perhaps there is a rule or custom forbidding such valuable things from being sent out. In that case, perhaps, you could make for me a trace of the leaf at least, if of nothing else.

Yours faithfully,

John Donnell Smith

I must again call upon  
you for specimens, and  
I hope they will come in  
time for you to include  
them with what I lately  
called for.

I wish to see what is  
Heteropeteris cotinifolia.

I seem to have it, but  
am not sure whether the  
leaves are right.

It is n<sup>o</sup>. 209 Erwendberg, and  
492 Andrieux. You ought  
to have at least the former.

Yrs. J.D.S.

Balte

24 Nov.

Dr. Jerome Watson  
Herbarium of Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Balt. 18 April, 1891.

My dear Watson, My absence for the past month in Cuba has prevented me from overlooking the printing of my Catalogue as thoroughly as I could have wished to do. Please make following corrections in its Preface. On 13<sup>th</sup> line destroy comma after ordinis; on 15<sup>th</sup> line change non-ullus to Nonnullas.

I enclose corrected or completed tickets for some of my plants that you have. Please substitute.

I wish I could go with Dr. Baker; but I must reserve my time for another visit to Guatemala next autumn.

Yours faithfully  
J.D.S.

Wash. Monday 4.11.

Dear Watson

I saw through all night  
last night, and about the first thing  
I found to was my Guatemaltecan  
Bocconia. It is not what I thought,  
but something different again from  
the Pringle specimen that you were  
examining. The margin ~~differs~~  
of leaves differs from description of  
B. integrifolia; and you will observe  
in Mex's specimens the beginnings of  
laciniation.

While you have the genus in study,  
please give your attention to the above  
specimens also. If new, please dis-  
cribe it at your convenience;  
but I would like it in that case  
named so that I can at once  
correct my ticket. Very truly

John Loudon Smith

I must be sure all the Bocconia specimens that I am. Return by Express.

13 May, 1891.

My dear Watson,

Let me present to you  
herewith a set of Guatemala plants,  
which I have today expressed to you.  
Many of the plants have no partic-  
-ular value; yet I beg for them all  
a place on your shelves. I remember  
how chary Dr. Gray seems to have  
been about admitting superfluous  
duplicates; but I think he often  
carried the idea too far, and I hope  
you will be more liberal.

Yours faithfully,

John Donnell Smith

If you have Ouratea  
(Gomphia) gigantophylla,  
Winkl., be so good as to  
lend it to me for exam-  
-ination.

Dr. Robinson has not  
yet sent me his Paper  
in Proc. Am. Ac. Please  
remind him about  
it.

John Small Smith  
505 Park Ave. Bldg.  
15 Dec. '91.

Have deferred my departure  
for Guatemala until  
20 Jan.

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Dr. Jerome Watson

Harvard University Herbarium

Cambridge

Mass.

If you have kept the parts of  
my Enumeratio Pl. Græc. &c.

please send them to me. I  
will have them bound up  
with the reprints of descrip-  
-tions and figures of new  
sp., and return them in  
a short time.

I was sorry to see a notice  
in Gazette, that you had  
lost Dr. Robinson. Can it  
be possible, that the poison  
used on the plants had  
such effect?

Yrs. J. H. F.

Baltimore, 505 Park ave.

3 Oct. 1891.

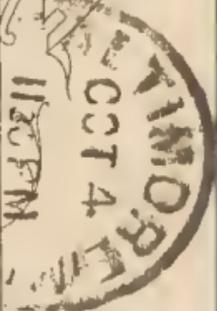
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Dr. Charles Watson

Cambridge

Mass.

I have ~~but~~ no ticket for one of  
Pring's plants of 1890. It comes  
in between 3147 Cuphea and  
3100 Begonia, and seems to  
be a species of Lythrum\*.

Can you give me its name &c?

Did I not tell you, that my  
last spring's trip was to Cuba?  
I am planning to go to Great-  
-emala about the beginning  
of the year; and I am scanning  
anxiously all the contradictory  
news about the political con-  
-flict of that country.

Will send back the pamphlets  
bound in three or four weeks.

Yrs. J. D. S.

505 Park Ave, N.Y.C.

10 Oct. \* L. elatum?

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Dr. Serrano Weston  
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Cambridge, Mass.

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