



McGill College,  
Montreal.

Nov 21, 1879.

My dear Madam,

The box from Cornell  
arrived yesterday, and  
I now enclose here of  
exchange for \$125 which  
I hope will reach you  
safely, and for which  
please send receipt.

I confess to some  
measure of disappointment re-  
specting the specimens. Had  
I supposed from Prof Comstock's  
description and from my  
knowledge of Prof Hart's  
collection, a large part

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Dr. G. H. Collins  
Lecturer

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of about 7000 things  
my hands and returned  
to him many years ago  
that he had retained  
for himself a good set  
of specimens such as  
would be suitable for  
our college museum  
I find however that the  
collection sent is really  
made up almost entirely  
of small and second  
rate specimens, not named  
or even cleared, and  
in short was raw  
material, which I presume

Puff Hatt must have used acids to be looked over at leisure with the view perhaps of making up small duplicate collections & of searching for any small fossils that may have escaped detection. It would therefore appear that Puff Hatt must have failed to keep for himself a good collection of the plants and he and Mr Matthews & laboriously collected at ~~Coast~~ St John, or was given away or otherwise disposed

of his best specimens. Still  
the material sent being  
such as it is mostly un-  
studied may afford some  
new facts that may be  
of interest when I shall have  
time to study it.

I think it might however  
be well for you to inquire  
whether there is not at Cornell  
or elsewhere another collection  
of Desmanian plants the property  
of Prof Hartt, and it is for this  
reason that I mention the matter  
and not to excuse myself from  
fulfilling my engagement.

As to Mr Rudd, he has  
packed the specimens, (one moderately  
good box) well and has been  
at expense of box and paper. Perhaps  
it would be best that he should  
mention to you the expense

And I shall send it  
with the second remittance,  
When I can get time  
to have the specimens  
cleaned and trimmed  
I shall see what I  
can make of them  
and if any new  
species turn up shall  
hope to publish them  
with reference to Prof Hartt's  
claim to their discovery

Truly yours

W. Dawson

Mrs C. F. Hartt,

Copy to  
Prof. H. H. H.

but the amount...  
When I can get time  
I will the specimens  
cleaned and returned  
I shall be glad to  
see you of them  
and of any new  
species that you  
hope to publish them  
with reference to  
them & their discovery

Yours truly  
J. H. H.

Mr. C. F. H.