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ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

Miscellaneous

Jamaica Plain, Mass., April 19, 1898.

My dear Muir:

A note from Miss Eastwood today says she has had some correspondence with you about the flowers of *Abies magnifica*. What I most want are the flowers from the tree in the central part of the Range, that is the form with the included cone-bracts which is the type. The Shasta tree with exserted bracts I consider a very unimportant variety, and it would not be worth while to make a trip to Mt. Shasta for them, ^{flowers of the} especially as I have hopes of obtaining them either from Applegate or Johnson. I understand that either you or Miss Eastwood are going to get the flowers from the central part of the Range and that you and she will have some further correspondence on the subject. It will really be a most serious matter to me if I do not get them this spring.

How silly all this war talk seems and this expenditure of hundreds of millions when the Government won't spend a few thousands to save the western forests. Certainly civilization is having a pretty hard time of it in these days. I do not believe we have any business in Cuba, and the very best thing which I have read about this whole matter is Senator White's speech made in the Senate the other day.

I was going to Key West next month to gather some Palm flowers but it looks just now as if it was not going to be a very feasible

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thing to do. What are your plans for the summer?

Faithfully yours,

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