Springfield
Feb. 26. 1885.

Mr. Walter Deane.

Dear Sir,

I wish I had never found Woodwardia angustifolia in Nantucket, it would be such a pleasure to learn of so noble an addition to its flora. But if I must tell the disappointing truth, this Woodwardia is almost our commonest fern; Pteris aquilina grows perhaps more abundantly, though I don't feel sure of it. I wonder if Miss Parsons found it on the Sconset road opposite the fifth mile stone; there it grows in such luxuriance that the only trouble is to find fronds small enough to press, — the roots can by no ingenuity be reduced to herbarium size. When I first found that delightful locality

my emotion would have entirely overcome me, if my companion had not, with great presence of mind, flung his hat high into the air to assist me in my expression. That happened to be in August, 1879, but I had seen the plant before that, and so had Mr. Dame of Medford.

I suppose you write to me, because I furnished a list of the plants of the island (Sadly imperfect at that time) for Mr. Godfrey's Guide-book, but if this fern is not in the list, it is a strange error of the printer's, and a great oversight in the proof reader. It is in my original written list which I still have, but the Guide book is not at hand just now.

Now can Miss Parsons hunt up Schizaea pusilla when she goes to Nantucket again? Many a botanist, familiar with the New Jersey localities, sees that our island is just the place to express it. So wishing her that feather in her cap,

I remain

Yours very truly

Marian L. Owen.

plants on the island, known by only one representative each, one might not see at first how this little thing can be scarcer, but it is; they are in their places every year and all through the year — fixed stars; this is comet-like, unexpected in its coming, visible for a short time, and then absent for years.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield
Mar. 8 - 1885.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send with pleasure by this same mail specimens of Frood. and — not very nice because immature; but it is a late form, and I go to Newton and leave too early to get it in perfection. I don't care for anything in return as I have no herbarium of my own; I collect a few rarities when I am on the island only to give away, and that pleasure is its own reward. Still if you want to do something for me, you might ask Judge Churchill if he found anything new last July, sedges or grasses particularly. His love of the sedges may account for his not noticing this form and indeed it is not conspicuous anywhere, but it is common. It grows at Bloomingdale for some distance, and on both sides of the road; at Beaumont where Hibiscus Moscheutos grows, in

several places between Eatfire and Spauwinet on the road and off from it; there is a fine patch by a bridge, on the road to Polpis, and on the between Sconset and Siasconset, there is a plenty of it all along Love Lane, and that place opposite the 8th mile stone, besides other places where I think I have seen it but made no note of it in my mind. I compared it as to abundance with Pteris aquilina a little doubtfully, as I have paid too little attention to that common fern, not minding whether it was present or absent. I shall observe it more carefully when I am on the island again, for I think I may find var. candata there.

Your postal card was all negro, but so I detect in your explanation a gentle reproof of the levity of my reply? Than Cried one day? I sympathized with Miss Parsons if she thought she had found something new, and had got to be disappointed, and as I thought I must amuse her a little. But I was quite in earnest about the Schizaea; nothing that grows in New Jersey can astonish me in Massachusetts.

When we botanists are such an amiable class there is never any danger of offence when none is intended, and when our fair science is the theme.

Mr. Dame has not sent me your list yet, but he will some time. I am not at work on my catalogue now but hope to take hold of it later in the spring. I mean for it to be a guide for strangers botanizing on the island. For instance, when you were at Gibbs's Pond you would have been glad to know that Utricularia subulata, L. had been found on the sandy beach close to the water's edge. This is our very scarcest plant, although its variety clistogama is abundant in three other localities. When there are several

found it on his first visit. I am sorry that I am out of Hypericum adpressum and Acyrum Crux-Andreae; visiting botanists are always pleased to find Stachys hyssopifolia and Baccharis halimifolia, but Mr. Churchill collected them so they may not be unknown to you.

I send two specimens of U. clandestina; the one with the name at the top is for you, the other for Mr. Churchill if he would like it. The full and good specimen of Corema is for you, the imperfect one (no pistillate flowers) for Mr. Churchill, but he had better not mount it yet; I will try to get some more next May and send him a good specimen. You will know the Erythraea spicata, Pers. but I send no ticket, for I want no credit for such miserable things. I always give away the best I have and I am heartily sorry that I can give you only the poor remains of what has been an excellent collection. The Spiranthes & Drosera are good however, the Kalmia is a peculiar form from

Springfield
Mar. 7. 1886.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am extremely pleased with the list that you sent me; Mr. Dame will no doubt give it to me in time, but I am very glad to have it now. Let me comment upon it. Trifolium procumbens — I found what I am very sure was var. minus in the Milton region. Coronilla varia, I would like to see; I am not sure that I know it. Where was it? Epilobium hirsutum is also an introduced and escaped plant — brought in within my memory. Opuntia vulgaris — they say it is all O. Rafinesquii on our coast, but I know better, and so do you, it seems. But why did you not see the latter also? they grow together. Where did you find Mertensia maritima? I know three localities, and hope you can report another. And where — where, does Onosmodium Virginianum, DC. grow? In Dr. Hitchcock's Catalogue of the Plants of Mass. he puts this

plant ~~name~~ – C. hispidum, Mx. – is what he calls it, and creeps in to Nantucket. That list was published in 1833, and from that day to this as far as I know, you & Mr. Churchill are the only human beings who have seen it. Dr. H. says Ceratophyllum demersum, L. grows there, but it has not been reported since. I have been on the lookout for years, for Tillaea simplex, Nutt. which Mr. Oakes found ~~there~~ in Nantucket; I have sought it in vain. But hope that you may yet find them both. I am glad that you report Typha angustifolia; I thought it must grow there, but I don't go into cat-tail swamps myself. I am going to send you Utricularia clandestina, Nutt.: there are ditches in Polpis that I have seen full of it, from the surface to the bottom of the water, and for as many rods up and down their course as I had time to examine, but I have seen the flowers with the yellow corolla only once, and then a man brought to me from the deepest and most dangerous bog that I ever came upon. Men can certainly collect things that are beyond a woman's reach.

My list is very weak in graces and sedges, and I shall be very much obliged for specimens of any of the smaller ones that you can spare. I don't care for Cal. Canadensis, Sp. cynosuroides, Sp. stricta, var. alternifolia, Holcus lanatus, Danthonia spicata and Agrostis alba. I shall be very glad to see Festuca Myurus, L. which you discovered yourself, as I saw in the Bot. Gazette of last August. What is the locality where it is so abundant?

You need not try to get Mr. Churchill's former list: he kindly sent it to me in 1881.

I will send you the nicest things I have on hand now, but my stock is low. I find, and worse than that, the specimens are poor – that is, some of them are. I advise you now to mount Erythraea spicata; these are the Eastport specimens, and Pocomo is the place to get the plant in perfection. Mr. Churchill

a bush that has always flowered in this way. Dr. Gray mentions it in the Am. Naturalist of August, 1870. I send the seedlings of the Floating Heart — have never met any one who had noticed them or could tell me anything of the developement of the cluster of spurs on the petioles. I hope there may be something amongst them all that will be of some use to you. Is it there anything in this part of the State that you would like? Our region is very rich in ferns. But whether it is ferns or something else that you would like I should be very glad to send it to you now or try to get it for you in its season.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. I ticket my Sabbatia S. gracilis. Mr. Churchill called it in his list S. stellaris. Dr. Gray says it is between the two, but in the Syn. Flora, he calls it

S. gracilis and mentions the Nantucket plant as "an ambiguous form".

I ought to have mentioned before that I can add to my catalogue about ten new names from your list for which I shall with pleasure give you due credit.

M. L. D.

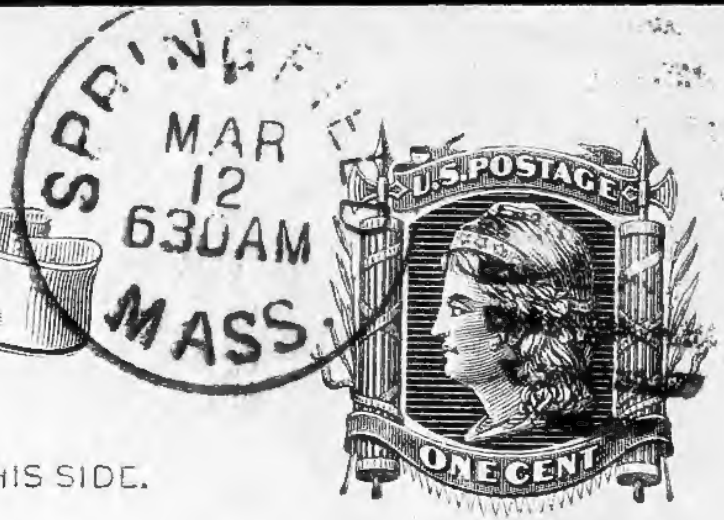
I have a few specimens of Aristida basiramea, Engelm. described in the Bot. Gazette of last May, given to me in the summer by the discoverer, Mr. Warren Upham of Minneapolis. If you have none I will share with you.

M. L. D.

Springfield
Mar. 11. 1885

I must have written obscurely about Mr. C.'s Sabbatia. What I meant to say was that the plant I was sending you as S. gracilis was really the same that Mr. C. called S. stellaris. I have his list before me now, but the date is Dec. 1. 1881, which was before you got Dr. Gray's decision. If he writes to Manchester again in 1883, I should be much pleased to know what he found then — there were five new things in the list of '81. You and he are the only people who give me any help in the rushes, sedges and grasses.

M. L. Owen.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
Cambridge
Mass.

By Mr. Mann

BOSTON EVENING

TRANSCRIPT,

FRIDAY,

MARCH 27, 1885.

HOW TO ACCENT "ARBUTUS."

To the Editor of the Transcript: Now that our Plymouth friends are sending us the Mayflower with their spring greetings, let us see what a few American poets have said about it under its other name of arbutus. No, let us *hear* what they say, and listen with a purpose—

"A year ago, in the sweet spring weather,
We sought the trailing arbutus together."
[M. E. Sangster.

"Whisper on, glad girls and boys;
Sealed the fragrant rosy wells;
You and spring are safe alike—
Never the arbutus tells!"
[H. H.

"But fairer than all flowers,
First-born of sun and showers,
Is the arbutus, jewel of the spring."
[C. H. Burleigh.

"The wild arbutus, flushed with haste,
Trails close, to make appeal."
[Lucy Larcom.

I could give a dozen more examples, but the sound for which we are listening would be the same in all.

Now let us hear some English poets. The plant that they mean is a large shrub, but it is the name only that we are concerned with:

——"Over which you saw
The irregular line of elms by the deep lane
Which stopped the grounds and dammed the overflow
Of arbutus and laurel."
[E. B. Browning.

"Glowing bright,
Beneath, the various foliage wildly spreads
The arbutus, and rears his scarlet fruit."
[Cowper.

And finally, O Transcript! representative of classic Boston, listen to Virgil:

Menalcas speaks—

"Dulce satis humor, depulsis arbutus hœdis."

and "ar'butus" is what he said. Now why, O Transcript! do so many Americans thus fly in the face of Rome and England and the dictionaries? Webster gave arbu'tus in the early editions, but by 1873 had learned better and changed to ar'butus. It is not all Americans who are thus careless of their accent; there are some who would no more say "arbu'tus" than they would talk of "laylocs" and "pinies." May their tribe increase!

O.

[illegible]

[illegible] the College [illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] of them in a [illegible] of the town, [illegible] that [illegible], but I collected a few [illegible] in [illegible].

I [illegible] letter to you on hand, [illegible] and [illegible] from pieces of other matters. It is to accompany the [illegible]. I [illegible] in [illegible], [illegible] this [illegible]. [illegible] of Catalogue [illegible], but when you get it check off what you [illegible]. M. L. Owen.

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Spring Fields
Sept. 12. 1885.

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I feel strong in this mail the "Contributors" Dr. Gray, and would like [illegible] "Contributions" containing the [illegible] another volume and I might [illegible] for a time to other work. The [illegible] ing is with me. I will [illegible] your wishes [illegible] Think of what [illegible] for the [illegible] I have been, I feel myself <u>made</u> indebted to the [illegible] I would in [illegible] give you [illegible] for a new <u>name</u> to add to my catalogue, and you have given me many. Then although I said that I did not want plants in exchange when I found that Nantucket grassy & sedges you had I changed my mind, and I value more those that you have sent me.

I have read the Dr. Gray's memorial of

Geo. Bethune with [illegible] for that and the other bundlet. I thank you very much.

The Mrs. Fiske [illegible] in Rome was undoubtedly the collector of the Lycopodium. She has moved from Cambridge now and is, I hear, the guardian of the [illegible] of one of the Popes in the new living in Rome.

Our Lycopodium does not seem to reach the size of the English; I have seen no specimens much larger than those I send you.

I enclose a label for the Alaska fern and just now for the Lycopodium; I want to look at the specimens that I took in our Society Herbarium first.

[illegible] interesting [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

([illegible])

[illegible] volumes of history. Kossuth, when I entered, was standing at his writing desk. I could scarcely believe that the man was 86 years of age. He stood as upright as a dart. His eye glanced round the room like that of an eagle. His hair is white, and his beard and moustache are nearly white, but they are not whiter than those of most men at 60; and when we had interchanged salutations and I had asked after his health, he told me that he was at present not as well as usual, but added, with all his old fire: "I wish I were now climbing up Mont Blanc or any of the higher Alps as some years ago; but I am unequal now to the task." And here he expanded—or as the French would say, gonfla—his chest. "You know I am a keen botanist, and like to gather rare plants. I have always had a great passion for flowers." [Life (London).

6 By Mrs M. L. Owen.
BOSTON

EVENING TRANSCRIPT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1885.

THE ARBUTUS QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Transcript: As some people are telling me that Worcester says arbu'tus, I would like a little space for a rejoinder. Worcester does accent the second syllable, but in doing so he convicts himself of ignorance, which is culpable in one who assumes to lead. In his dictionary he distinguishes foreign words by putting them in italics, and he gives "arbutus" thus, not recognizing it as English at all. But in Latin there can be no question whatever; the poets of the Augustan age, to speak of no others, show plainly that the accent is on the first syllable. In Europe the pronunciation has come down right by unbroken tradition, while in this country there was but little occasion to use the word for more than two hundred years after the arrival on our coast of that other "Mayflower" of great renown. It is only for twenty-five years or so that its little namesake by the name of "arbutus" has been one of fashion's favorites, and we New Englanders, ignorant of the right way of pronouncing the word, have hit upon the wrong one. But, to a critical ear, what is more detestable than a false accent? What sounds more ignorant? And so I hope for your powerful aid once more in trying to correct so mortifying an error. O.

Nantucket
Oct. 19. 1885.

My dear Mr. Crane,

I have collected a few asters which I will send by this same mail. As it is a month later than when you were here, you may not have seen them. What I want is for you to name them for me — nothing difficult about them, but I can not find the fifteen minutes that would be sufficient for the work —

Cannot find it here, and
time it's gone — !!!

I am inquiring about the
maths and shall be able
to report soon. I have met
in a paper on E. circles
and also on E. triangles.

Yours in great haste

Maria E. Dean.

Springfield Oct. [illegible] 1883.

Dr. [illegible] I C Fried [illegible]
the Ranunculus in the [illegible]. [illegible] Roberts [illegible]
the Dr. [illegible] in Philadelphia — he called them R. Columbiana,
var. [illegible] edion. I had been a similar plant mainly growing
wild. But in Mr. Upham's Catalogue of the Flora of Min-
nesota Mr. Roberts contributes R. Flammula, which the
usual step is not found in this country. I can repeat
it also mentioned as found by Mr. Roberts & others — Brian & the
[illegible], but no intermediate mentioned. Dr. Chapin sent
[illegible] specimen of the plants carefully from them not "cutting at all two
[illegible]", so we conclude as Mr. [illegible] does.

— L. O —

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Mr. Walter Scott
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible] so beautiful.

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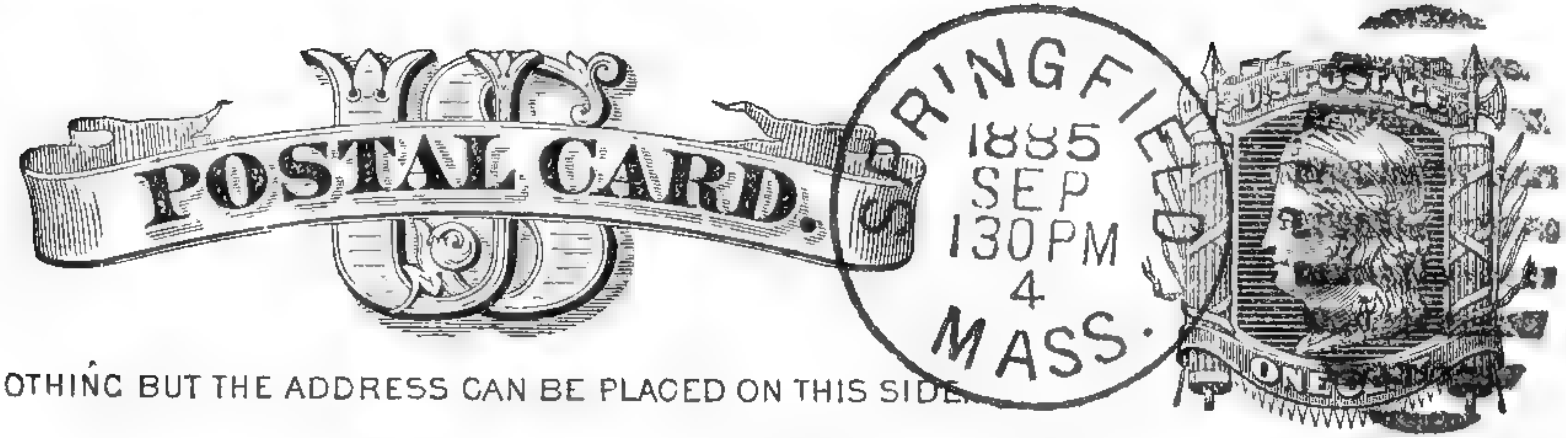
C.



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[illegible]

I have not even one word.

[illegible]

[illegible] Where is Lord? or [illegible]
all [illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible] E. Wilson only, [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] E. Wilson [illegible]
[illegible] po[illegible] [illegible] Type? If
[illegible] do [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I have [illegible] from [illegible] Hen-
ing. I saw in a [illegible]
Althea Wickliffe. I [illegible] very sure

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FORWARDED

Shelburne
N.H.

Brunswick Place
Cambridge
Mass.

~~Gen A. E. Phillips~~

more there, I have in place
Saxifraga Lyallii, also Asplenium Hilebrandii, Aira magnifolium, Camptosorus rhizophyllus. I think
Dear, two of my friends who were
in the mountains in Italy, Bernette
got specimens on a narrow strip
around a few rods long. They brought
home one hundred specimens or more.
We have the controversy about this
fern, but we have Davenport's monograph & Eaton's ferns of the U. S. We
have studied & compared with our
Vermont born specimens and examined
spores with the compound microscope
after all this, we declare that some-
body shall be to us, till somebody
who knows more than we pronounces
to the contrary. If they turn out matricariaefolium (some of them) that will
add one of the lacking ferns to our
list. We also find ten or twelve
good varieties, of one fern and another.

Dear Sir, I have
[illegible] to find
[illegible] and four [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] to have
this through I totally failed. My
intentions were good. That's the
best I can make exactly. [illegible]
[illegible] the names of them, or
them; I know them all except of
the Carices and I am not study-
ing their order; besides I kept in-
dicates of very few of the whole
collection. There were only two of all
that I sent you that I thought worth
mounting — the Narthecium, and
the fern as rarely more than fine
the goodness of the specimen, and
Aira caryophyllea. [illegible]

[illegible]
I have Dr. [illegible]'s [illegible]
[illegible] and he gives no description
of Festuca [illegible]nella. I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] The [illegible]
[illegible] them.
I [illegible] the [illegible] so [illegible]-
tion, that this was [illegible] in
[illegible]
[illegible] I have [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible], but with Dr. [illegible]'s
description in mind, and when I
saw it it looked very different
from what I expected, especially
in the bracts, on which he lays
such stress. There were no flowers
but I must have found them on
fruiting scapes.

It seems that I put the wrong
name to the Smilax that I sent;
I have S. Walteri & S. laurifolia both
marked in my Manual, as found in N. J.

[illegible] the [illegible] & [illegible] remember [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I know them [illegible].

Let us turn to something pleasanter.
And what is pleasanter than "per-
[illegible] growth"? I rejoice that you
and your wife have had that
blessing. And I am glad you
made so fine a collection at
Willoughby. But let me "swell the
[illegible] of "praise" that all botanists
in this neighborhood utter for
Mt. Toby, in the towns of Sunderland
and Leverett. We find there every
fern that grows in this State except
the two Woodwardias, and Botrychi-
um matricariaefolium and B. lanceo-
latum. Perhaps I should except also
Lyg. scandens, but that grows very
near. We collect 37 species there,
and amongst them all that you men-
tion except Woodsia glabella and Aspid.
acul. var. Braunii. Both Pellaeas

[illegible] the same
[illegible] in preparing a [illegible]
besides giving a list of [illegible]
[illegible] line [illegible]
island [illegible]
well. I am sure it would help me
if you and Mr. Churchill would
notice the common plants & see
whether they are more or less abun-
dant than might be expected in
similar localities. I don't expect
your report only, lay the facts
up in mind, & tell me if I
question you. Your Fern Problem —
it is an interesting fact if angusti-
folia is the only species, or if it is
very much more common than the others.
I hope you will see all the Woodwardia
angustifolia that you want to. It is
really so common that I cannot think
of any wet place where I have not
seen it — perhaps that is too broad a
assertion, but it is so common that I
should not pay much attention to it anywhere.
Wishing you & Mrs. Deane continued health & pleasure
Very very truly M. L. Owen

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[illegible] there [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] and the —
[illegible] [illegible] only [illegible]
[illegible] upon it in the [illegible]
going up in the morning and
coming back at night?

But in our botanical society we
have been studying grasses this
season. We have had over sixty
brought in so far. I shall soon
collect "Oryza" virginica [?] for you.
It is very abundant here, but I have
not usually found it well flowered
before September. Does Eleusine in-
dica grow in your region? I found
a patch of it a week or two
ago.

I am glad you are going to
Nantucket. I don't see how I can
get there myself; I am collecting
Carbons at intervals from now
through September and perhaps later.

[illegible] Plan-
[illegible] P. angelii grow there, [illegible] the P.
[illegible] P. major is introduced
it is important to know
abundant they both are — if both.
I hope you know them at a glance
I wish I did — but if you do win
Why not practice a little and
give Nursey in training up there
in Melbourne? Let me give you
the points in case you have not
the Synop. Flora by you.

P. major	P. angelii
Spike dense, obtuse at apex.	Sp. long + thin, attenuate at apex.
Exterior sepal + bract more or less carinate.	All the sepals + bract acutely carinate.
Ovules 8–18; seeds few, minutely reticulated.	Ovules 6–10; seeds 4–9, not reticulated.
Capsule circumscissile near the middle, and near the level of the summit of the sepals.	Caps. circumsc. much below the middle. Capsules erect in the spike.
	Spike often a foot or more long.
	Leaves paler than in P. major.

[illegible] I have taken unnecessary
claim in giving you these particulars,
but as there is a small chance that
you may have been as much
troubled as I have in distinguishing
the plants, and I want the
information very much, I do what-
ever I can to help you get it for
me.

I have had Panicum glabrum
reported in more than one tier
of Kintuck grasses I think, but
I have never seen any Panicum
there that looks like our P. glabrum.
I found a grass in abundance
last September west of the town,
that seemed half way between
glabrum & sanguinale. Dr. Swan
said it was glabrum without
doubt. I will enclose a fair
specimen of the grass as it grows
with us — a slender little thing.
White in Yl. it is stout.

I thought [illegible]

[illegible]

I shall be [illegible]

[illegible] but I feel quite undecided

[illegible]

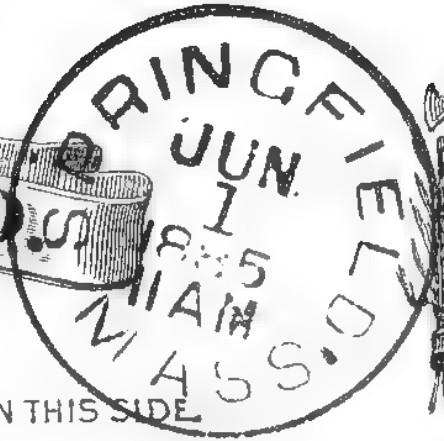
P.S. The Nemophylum leaves are said to be "1" wide" in the latter ed. of his Manual. We found no such leaves, so looked in the 1st ed. and found his width given "1"." The true width of our specimens was between two ten.

M. L. C.

Spring field
May 11, 1855.

"I live near the scene of the H. B. Co. of which is anything that we begin to find and might say look at the course of the Freemen, and you shall have the spoil living. I am so pleased for that good man. Why did it be so north instead of south? They say the flora in the Hudson's Bay region is something wonderful. That is where I want to go.

Yours, A. L.



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Mr Walter Deane
Forrester Place
Cambridge
Mass

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Dr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] them.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] uncertain about, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]).

"(a considerable) flora in [illegible]" [illegible] the Dr. He evidently [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] in all [illegible] [illegible] the island [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible] in France etc.

To [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. Esq. [illegible]
the Times as [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible], & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Yours very truly

[illegible] [illegible]

Spring Field
Ills. C. 1870.

Dear Sister

I am now preparing my letters, bills & other memorandum for the next mail to the Davis Collection. I have written quite in new fine Collection and have put them into my [illegible] new Book-Library. I find not 150; 14 Shakespeares, one Folio, and two of the Quarto editions. And of the 14 Folio were 2, Collins, (Lately and 8 of the other Quarto). There were 4, Dresses and nine of the Quarto Lately, (one Lady Lady Elgin Gentl) I made note by it went many of Shakey Pear Society gave on the Dime Tax have not yet been Worth, and of some Book I want more information Some; I will give them to Bates and Bar them to you.

Beauty, and Reason Combined
Have children, 14 — 35 per cent!
And yet I am not content!
Love, more, is Still my cry —
But of these things we will confer
in Boston, and I will be in you know
in good Season whether I can
keep to the date already mentioned.

Yours very Truly
Abraham Lincoln —

[illegible] then [illegible]

[illegible]

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Mr. E. [illegible]

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[illegible] last August [illegible]

Collection [illegible]

of a great [illegible]

of all the time [illegible]

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[illegible] report of [illegible]

25 Lambert Ave –
Roxbury Apr. 15. 1886.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I mean to be at the Horticultural next Saturday as planned. At what time will you be there? Any hour will suit me. Yours very truly

M. L. Owen

UNITED STATES

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BOSTON MASS. APR 15 86 PM

Mr. Walter Deane

5 Brewster Place

Cambridge Mass.

Springfield
May 27. 96

Dear Mr. Kane

I am much obliged for the copy of your Mr. Wilkinson article with its "one bench" correction. Even errors are realisms. Have you been in "Arcadia" too? — but you need no care for this, all the smart readers would know at once what you wrote, and the proof reader's oversight would only give them a pleasant bit of fun.

Mr. Stillwell writes to me that he is going to Chautauqua in June; I guess I can get some help from him about Carey & Gove.

Mr. Foster (Mr. Hitchings's friend) has been visiting here & was in [illegible]

[illegible]

The botanical society were hospitably entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Booth at her Longmeadow home, the attendance being larger than usual. The society were occupied with analyzing sedges and other specimens. They are to be presented with a full set of sedges by Prof Bailey of Michigan.

Solomon Stebbins of the city library goes to-day, with Mrs Stebbins, for a two-weeks' stay at Mount Mansfield, the most noble hight of the Green mountains in Vermont. When it is said that at least six species of fern that do not grow in this part of the country are found on Mansfield, his friends will know that Mr Stebbins is going to have a delightful vacation.

[illegible]

I have come to a stand-still about Mr. Murray. I can do but little myself to make his path to the island straight and easy — Mrs. Starbuck is the person though who must work and the last I heard from her one of her daughters was very sick and a sweet little grandchild had scarlet fever. That was the 10th of this month, and though I have written to her since, it was no time to lay any technical schemes before her.

I left that other sheet of paper because it was nothing less than horrid — it acted as though it had been finished off with oil.

But talking of horrid things — that article in the December Bulletin by O. R. Willis on the

Nantucket Gallinas & Crocan
was avow as proving & mis-
Chievous a thing as I ever read.
A little Truth has mean more
— Error —

I shall find time to have one finish of them. The intermediate we have hardly space to prove [illegible]. Vicia Hirsuta has never been reported before, but I think I feel sure that this is the plant. Trifolium stellatum, var. Cimicum, if correct will be new, & will Desmodium Dillenii.

I work on the Catalogue almost every day now, but find I shall have it ready for criticism and inspection before the winter is over.

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[illegible] Kenny. He was [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] no holiday is [illegible]

[illegible] it will [illegible] never [illegible] of life again. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] money was needed. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and
[illegible] in the [illegible].
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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I think I had better not ask
[illegible] the [illegible] will [illegible]
till I can see Mrs. [illegible]. I used
to [illegible] something [illegible] before them,
but I shall do it with a good deal
of [illegible] that they will [illegible] to the
[illegible]. Yours very truly
M. L. Owen.

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[illegible] Times.
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[illegible]
[illegible] in good in my [illegible]
I shall be [illegible] of Mrs. [illegible]
in [illegible] — a very [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] I write [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible].

Maria L. Owen.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

[illegible] in the [illegible] and I have no relatives there, so I cannot [illegible] Continued; [illegible] the possibility [illegible] a favorable answer, [illegible] provisional one.

[illegible] letter [illegible]

[illegible]

Cambridge
Mass. U.S.A.

Mrs. A. Deane,

I feel so much encouraged to see you take my suggestion that I mean to go on & see what can be done. I must write to Nantucket — probably these letters & get the addresses — then I will write to Mr. Thurston myself, have it small lines to send the letter through to-morrow. I shall do it as soon as possible so that if he comes in to the arrangement he may have the pleasant tongue — the tongue lost quite for a long time. The month between June & next June are to will be happified by the anticipation of a journey to Asheville, N.C. — that I am going to make with two dear friends, one my prime botanical ally, Miss Freeman, so I know just how it will be with Mr. Manning. Time is much too early enough to make us

Mrs Blair has quite broken.

I don't know who would guess this is a private family or a public hotel on the Island? I think it is possible he could be invited very cordially. I know it is a very Cambridge Blair who was I understand in our view ago — it seems I met his friend Mr Gladstone — who was the guest of his Father-in-law Sir Frank & Francis Blair — he was singing as he went up & down stairs where he had been in the Lower regions — Mrs Blair would be delighted I have no doubt from a man who could sing such Evening Hymns & talk about them — but there is not a single bachelor on the Island.

Disappointed blows all to Windward, or Anita let them go farther from Open Wide & the Sunchild, till the time of Blossoming Comes, which will be in Fresh Spring the New Year Comes in.

I have been guessing what the new Companion may be. Everyone seems to my mind to

Sec – Why should we see Lewis Amy Tony Tree Plymouth & St Leonard's Island Lewis? Yes my Coveters eye roam over the New Green Lane array, and I wonder if it is one of their Order, Gildenroot or Superterrenus, but I fancy from the wording of your State-ment that the genus would be new to our Catalogue so I guess Bigelovia or Ticknor. Clerodeis would be fine as Edith. Tell you Mr. Churchill would be sure of that name yet, and I should have seen the Herb in the Bulletin by this time.

I have been looking over my Collections a little within a few days and have taken note when Dr. Swan declared. I know you wanted Denicasporid Subquarrosus and Subsimus Allegro; I am the latter is called by Mr. Dr.? Fritten C. viridatus, Rottb. Do you remember anything else that I wrote to bind you? Dr. Sindler with the roots? Was that one of you promised? I have in any of my own, but Dr. Chapin would send you a Spec. if he had one is Phoen.

In that same Preliminary List C. cryptocarpus is credited to Lawrence, Mass. and Hartford, Conn. as the only places in N. England, but

It is abundant for about the mouth of the Kaweah River. Dr. Dwier has collected it, & Mr Fisher gave me specimens from the northeastern part of the State. It is not an adorable it I remember. The plant is probably more common in N. E. than yet known.

Don't take the least trouble about the Eragrostis. It is the commonest Alpine that really urges to probably no with a specimen, as they put the name into their catalogue, but the specimen we actually have was an unknown one in E. Purshii.

Don't hurry to answer this. I know how busy you are all the time and that what leisure you have does not come till the end of the week. I am glad Mr. Churchill is out again — may this time sickness of his we trust last for many & many a year!

Yours very truly

Marion L. Dwier.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], but no [illegible] was [illegible]. The grass was [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible], not recollecting that I had sent it to Dr. [illegible], it [illegible] [illegible] a day or two till it came back. Mr. Steele of this City found it at Mafey's Pond in [illegible] and it seemed to me to be Panicum anceps, Michx. — a grass of New Jersey & the Southern States, but we have a [illegible] of [illegible] plants of that region in [illegible] [illegible]. The panicle was still so young [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] some other authority than my own for the name. Perhaps [illegible] in the letter. [illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible]

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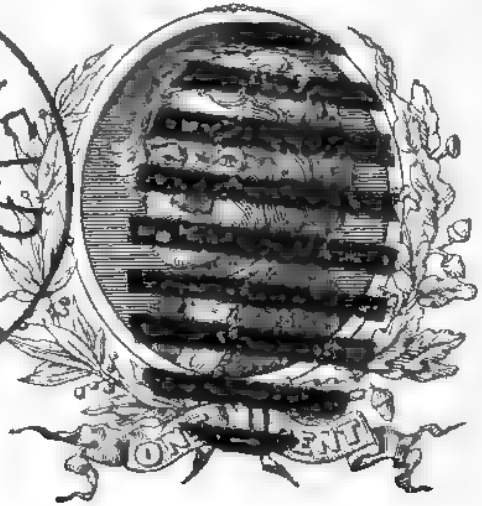

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[illegible] I have my own [illegible]
[illegible] more [illegible] for the Catalogue. And a
[illegible] I'd prefer those two would be any
[illegible] in their order,
[illegible] for [illegible], after Rich green & edge
[illegible] Mr. B. & Mr. Ruth. I call this
[illegible] or [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] because [illegible] S. Clark is here after the
[illegible] I found - I've still have two [illegible] of in however
[illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible]
in the [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in flower and many [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

All these things made me think of the undiscovered treasures in the [illegible] woods. If Mr. Foster would just make me [illegible] to help the cause of botany and the Cal. Bot. I would advise him to get a safe little cow pony, mount it on wheels, [illegible] a good horse ahead on its locomotive and then cannon ~~[illegible]~~ the crash on one and after another till all were ep- [illegible]. How little rich people know what to do with their money.

Mr. Dunn has made some fine additions this summer, and I think since Mr. Churchill was on the island. Yours with kind regards
M. L. Owen.

[illegible] Davidson [illegible] Chapman [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] islands too. Then I [illegible] [illegible]
Hill [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] &c. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the clouds [illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible] in approaching [illegible]
[illegible] the Cotton in this late green
stage. [illegible] found on the edge of
[illegible] [illegible] pleased
[illegible] if you [illegible]
[illegible] - the lady who brought it said
she had been on the hill where the
old burying ground is — the very old

[illegible] first settlers, [illegible]
[illegible] I receive [illegible]
[illegible] pond [illegible]
[illegible] the east side
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
little [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible], when some [illegible] little
object on the [illegible]
[illegible]
I have [illegible]
busy & contented. The [illegible]
two months of the Agawam River is
the only botanical [illegible]
made. [illegible]
[illegible] & Polygonum
[illegible] growing together [illegible]
[illegible] stage; in the deep water
several Potamogetons, but not the true

Springfield
July 19. 1886.

Dear Mr. Dixon

I return Mr. Churchill's interesting letter with many thanks. What good luck he has had — Mr. Dickinson & Holmes. Gilbert & Swidler & wild Cat Jim in Illinois & other places. Mr. Rehfield's was more interesting. The Mr & Mr. Churchill have had it, Wilder had it 5 times. A. A. Dixon

Morningside

"Morningside" is the Field Botanical

Gardens but is now Montclair

[illegible] and so is a section

[illegible] Can Pp [illegible] to find it on.

I have it here and have mountain plants to run through yet, for week, amongst them some Carices. Now I called C. aurea C. Emmonsii & C. canescens, var. vitilis. I work out all the Carices that I get this year, and do my own best on them of course, but it is so tricky mostly — I don't feel sure of the result. This year I know I can [illegible]

in them with more confidence. Heterophylla [illegible] may not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] there was a [illegible] [illegible] that I could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]? The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

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I suppose it is virginiana, but it looks very different from the Cape & costal speci-mens that I collected on [illegible] [illegible].

I must hasten to a close [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Botanical [illegible] to write [illegible] over the [illegible] [illegible].

Yours very truly,

[illegible] L. [illegible].

Springfield Mass. - 88 -

Please tell me what it is that is in your mind, if the rich is Carex umbellata, Lect. is flowering during your late visit. I recently saw such things on my trip as well but I have no record of them. I think I can find that the plants are to be found a good specimen, but I have not time to go to work, and well sure of it. Mr. I signed Mr. Thurong wishes to - me that the grass which he has at first mistook as Panicularia is rather a small specimen of Poa eminens. Yours truly

Mary Lo[illegible]

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
Montague
Mass.

Give your opinion and judge

Churchill's -

Fishing was all in vain

Blessings upon

Your own Baby,

Marie L. Owen

Springfield.

July 28. 88.

Dear Mr. Dana,

I am sorry to say that I get
tired so much quicker for you on
account of the pain. I feel
fine a few minutes yesterday, and
it seemed to me more hurried than
usual — This hot rainy weather is
certainly bringing in new pain —
But however that may be, he said
that it did not do him harm although
he would like to meet
you and he is very fond of Mr. Cox.
Now on the Montague side of the
mountain, we could not think of
anything that you would be likely
to find new to you, except

Osmunda and Pteris ferns, and he could not tell you where I have found them. I was much disappointed to see no more than this but he says it is hard to find fronds and one on a mountain. In the same bed Pellaea gracilis may be found in great abundance and it does grow. Asplenium Adiantum-nigrum grows near the top, but there it is very scarce. Pellaea atropurpurea is found there, I am pretty sure; I never collected it myself.

Of the flowering plants there are more than we call rare, but these are doubtless many that do not grow in the eastern part of the State. And amongst the ferns there is the Walking Fern. You will be pretty sure to find it if something grand.

I will enclose some of the orchids that I mentioned in my postal card. I have examined it again with the same result that Mr. Harry Marshall — that it is as much like Pon Gibsoles as anything. The wrapper leaf does not sheath the base of the pseudobulb, but the pseudobulb only has that in "Alex" does it. The grass and flower I had time to press it, and for that reason it does not show how loose & free the panicle was when fresh. It was not spreading as it looks now, but perfectly symmetrical and the branches stood out at a larger angle than they take now. I should

Transcriptions enclosed in the Cat-
have been for some months. Another Tree, also
Mr. Mc. turned up in [illegible] — that very Berry I never (Certainly) saw
before — which grows [illegible] the Hickory
only ~~[illegible]~~ 5 the
Hill the 'Sassafras'. I also find that
Cornelian Cherry Lime [illegible] turned
height. Have no doubt, it now [illegible]
a little [illegible]. — I [illegible] the Dear
who was never very 'Clever' — He didn't know
my little joke, for he is [illegible]
You had told me. It has been a real
privilege to spend ten days with Him I
have learned lots —
[illegible] he found a little [illegible]
had not been where on this Island in
that small pond by the side of Tree's Corner
road just opposite Blooming Grove. It was
a species worth sending to Dr. Allen.
and there was plenty of it — I found a
grass Tuesday then we think may be
Poa alsodes — if so, new to the Catalogue.
Mr. Dr. Chapin agrees, I shall send it in —
The lady seen out west with her [illegible]
boy was Miss Tilt. She brought an Utricularia
vulgaris from a new locality — The Indian name
is Wannacomet — The Washing Pond — Regards
to your Wife. Very truly Mr. Lewis

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
Care of Mrs. Joseph Russell
Montague
Mass.

Pour une accomplissement
de ses vœux.

Pour une Fête
Chaim le Cohen.

I enclose Mr. Tennant's letter which shows you need not return.

I feel sure you understand this when I tell you, and when I say I will be sure as Mr. Thomas knows as much, even if it is not as definite as I hope it will be — favorably definite I mean.

You delighted to see a man of Mr. Gray's age enjoying life as he does, and thinking of little of crossing the Ocean and journeying here and there in this country. I hope

She will have a pleasant

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[illegible] the [illegible] no [illegible]

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[illegible] on it. [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

Did John Churchill tell you that we [illegible] and that our [illegible] [illegible]? and that I [illegible] [illegible] if he was sure of his [illegible]?

[illegible] my mind a [illegible]

[illegible] and I [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

the president, Dr. [illegible], [illegible] in [illegible], Blakeman, [illegible] Co.'s [illegible]

I am happy to tell you that the Catalogue is in a certain sense finished. The new names are all [illegible] in, and the [illegible] all [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Pteris [illegible] connected with [illegible]

[illegible] little island, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

But the Catalogue — [illegible] compare with those in [illegible] Guidebook.

In Catalogue		Found
420	Flowering Plants	631
13	Ferns	14
2	Clubmosses	3
0	Horsetails	2
57	[illegible]	12
	[illegible]	
6	[illegible]	14

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The citizens of Springfield will have reason to remember long and gratefully their shy and silent townsman, who met his death so suddenly and tragically, in the quiet of his own chamber, last Monday morning. William Merrick has builded a nobler memorial for himself in his native city than any man who has gone before him. He was a wise and careful husbandman of his inheritance, and has left it, increased an hundred fold, in a way that will insure lasting benefits to those who stand in need of help. His will is to be commended not only for its generous provisions but for its clear and sensible form.

Nothing extraordinary. I may [illegible]
[illegible] Mind that I don't know.

I have been doing a little work on the [illegible]
[illegible] I may be able to do a
[illegible] in a month. It is not [illegible]
[illegible] I don't care so much for it now that
[illegible] is done — it was [illegible] and a pleasant
[illegible] I am sure. But [illegible] time [illegible]
[illegible] is worse for those who live near [illegible]
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Perhaps

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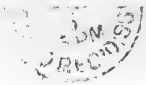

Fosinrail Jan. 27, 1887.

Oh, my Blue on the Catalogue!

Express Entrance!! And on the in-
[illegible] & Cakes!! The Rule Case in
the Lathing & Sam are for the
[illegible] for Thee. [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] Cheese [illegible]
[illegible] on the Green Blind. [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] things. Yours

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Nothing but the address to be on this side.

Mr. Walter Deane

5 Brewster Place

Cambridge

Mass

But what I want, you will find on a sheet by itself; I have left room for you to write the answers on the same to make your part as easy as possible. Take your own time for it.

I have made out a list of the plants

[illegible] [illegible] worked that are likely to grow on this island — more than fifty. Fourteen of them have been re-ported [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] comes under the latter head.

Then on the same sheet I have asked questions about eight other plants which are known to grow on this island — some of them very common.

I shall give a copy of this list to [illegible] [illegible] going to the island [illegible] this coming season. Then I have two copies [illegible] [illegible] to them [illegible], and ask them all to be on the lookout for these [illegible].

I had an interesting letter from Mr. [illegible] the other day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]

[illegible]. Pycnanthemum lanceo-latum, Polygonum ramosissimum, & Lappa officinalis var. minor, now to be known as Arctium Lappa, L. var. minus. [illegible] [illegible] the distinctive features of the var. [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]. [illegible] Dr. [illegible] a [illegible] on [illegible] of our [illegible]. The last new [illegible] in Dr. [illegible]'s [illegible] [illegible] R. I.

I am very much obliged for your re-vision & correction of Mr. [illegible]'s name, and am much [illegible] to add [illegible]. [illegible] I agree with Dr. [illegible] [illegible] if I were living in [illegible]. I would try to collect them all. As it is I shall want to name the herbariums through which the varieties are scattered - that of your Sp'd Bot. Soc. contains a number of them that I have put in - My next work [illegible] on the preface. Yours very tr. [illegible]

Springfield, Nov 27. 1858.

Dear Mr. Deane,

You can get a Catalogue of Miss E. F. Barnard, Athenæum Library, Hartford — price 75 cts. postage 2 cts.

Hold up your courage — of the "rain, rain, rain" you only say that patience has worked her overtime with me, and I go & come in storm & sleet, like a bobbin duck. With all that, however, I often think of Mr. Horne, and am glad that he, for one, is out of this deluge. I have not heard the least thing from him — not that I think especially about him, and I did think that the Lowell Bulletin would give us some inkling of his progress occasionally.

Yours truly M. L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
Cambridge
Mass -

Nantucket, Sept. 2nd, 188[illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

I snatch a few minutes for a hasty reply to your letter. I have not heard from my Dedham friends about that blank.

Sept. 2 -

Intermission as the mail is now [illegible] in Nantucket. Now I have your letter [illegible] to me when I return [illegible] evening. We [illegible] only have a week in the [illegible] Mr. Stephen Emerson, Dr. Hewitt, the auto [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

Centrarchus macropterus is now
[illegible] of the genus.

Centrarchus macropterus [illegible]
[illegible] Warmouth of [illegible].
[illegible] Pomoxis annularis
[illegible] Rock Bass.

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Hon. John D. Long - - - - - - - Washington, D. C.

Prof. W. O. Crosby, Mass. Institute of Technology, Boston.

76 Marlboro' St.
Sept. 14, 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

If you can call conveniently Sunday afternoon, I should be very glad to see you. Morning & evening I shall go to church, but shall be at home all the afternoon.

I have a plant that I don't know to show you, and four of the five new Nantucket plants. I have also a letter from Miss Kite the discoverer.

She wants to make an Herbarium of the plants of Nantucket for the Nant. Athenaeum. I want to talk that plan over.

Please remember me to your wife. I should be glad if she would come with you; with strict impartiality I would talk botany only half the time, and in that half my daughter would be pleased to make her acquaintance.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

[illegible]

[illegible]

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Dean
1st Bunter Place
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, [illegible] 2 - 18[illegible]

[illegible] a minute [illegible] tell [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 12 & 1? [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

two [illegible] – I [illegible]

[illegible] – [illegible] one or two more [illegible] –

[illegible] 10 [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]ingfield, Aug. [illegible] 88

[illegible]

Many thanks [illegible] for the Catalogue, how pretty it is. I see now some things that I would like to alter or add to some places, had I made [illegible] a little. Do you think it can be perfectly [illegible] with the [illegible]? To me [illegible] a [illegible] more self-[illegible] than I ever expressed. The feeling is that I [illegible] it has come out more [illegible] than it actually is. Some of the newspaper notices dwell particu-

I never forget or give [illegible]

[illegible] this time that I was surprised to find that mine was out first, then that was [illegible] so much earlier. I call mine the [illegible], a [illegible] price for a little thing like that, when [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] edition [illegible] turned on only [illegible] [illegible] comes very [illegible] [illegible] on each [illegible] [illegible] a large one. The book can be obtained [illegible] [illegible] addressing

Miss Barnard
Atheneum Library
Nantucket.

She will forward a copy post-paid to any address on receipt of the price.

I should be sorry to have our correspondence [illegible] entirely, but with the many things that we both [illegible] it may become quite irregular; however

Earth on the remarks in the Friends' Review from the pen of the thoughtful Christian of Lincoln, entitled an article in the Intelligencer entitled "The Friend" in Norway. You called my mother affectionately with a view to the preservation of her wild flowers; I shall be very glad if another I have written can really lead to such a good result.

I have Mr. Morong's Herbarium as you do, and as the Classified Will; the rest of the surface may be thousand cradle, but the Science comes in over the history.

Tell the Ten.

I do not know who gave me the Eleven Sibyls, but it was Friend Whittier — the only one who ever did so good towards. I have kept all my letters till to. Then I died on the Catalogue, and if I live, even have time, it would be a pleasant task I am sure to review them & select some additional notes & remarks on the Black eyes of my own interleaved copy; I shall also put in the name of the trader in Cross Lane Tay. Did the dice ever print it? I suppose because there was no indication that the gem was old, and yet I never saw it myself.

I am by the same a Mid. Flora

Springfield Jan 25. 1887

Mr. Alex. H. Stone

The Critique is at last out, and I have been waiting this time to thank friends and patient correspondents - You and Mr. Stone must have felt the pity & believe me I felt it, and you are taken instead of the author's.

I have meant all along to distinguish my chief critics by sending them an inscribed copy, and if the printing had been done here I could have taken the sheets immediately from the press and had the special binding all done by the time the general edition was

reach. Then I tried to reach [illegible] to [illegible] Nantucket [illegible] for [illegible] this Times [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]. But when the returned [illegible] came [illegible] [illegible] of the Flora and I [illegible] his [illegible] I shall [illegible] you on Saturday.

[illegible] a little surprise, [illegible] Mr. Dame and [illegible] of the Flora; I [illegible] what advantage it would however [illegible] my interleaved [illegible] by [illegible] him about the Flora, and I have followed his suggestions. He will be pretty sure to make field notes when he is in Nantucket, and I hope you may find the blank leaves useful in the same way.

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] judge [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] us an evil passions.

I don't know whether I shall get to Nantucket this year; it seems so long distance at any rate. Mr. Dame is at Bloomingdale on the [illegible].

I hope you and your wife are enjoying your vacation. With my regards to both

Yours most truly

Maria L. Owen.

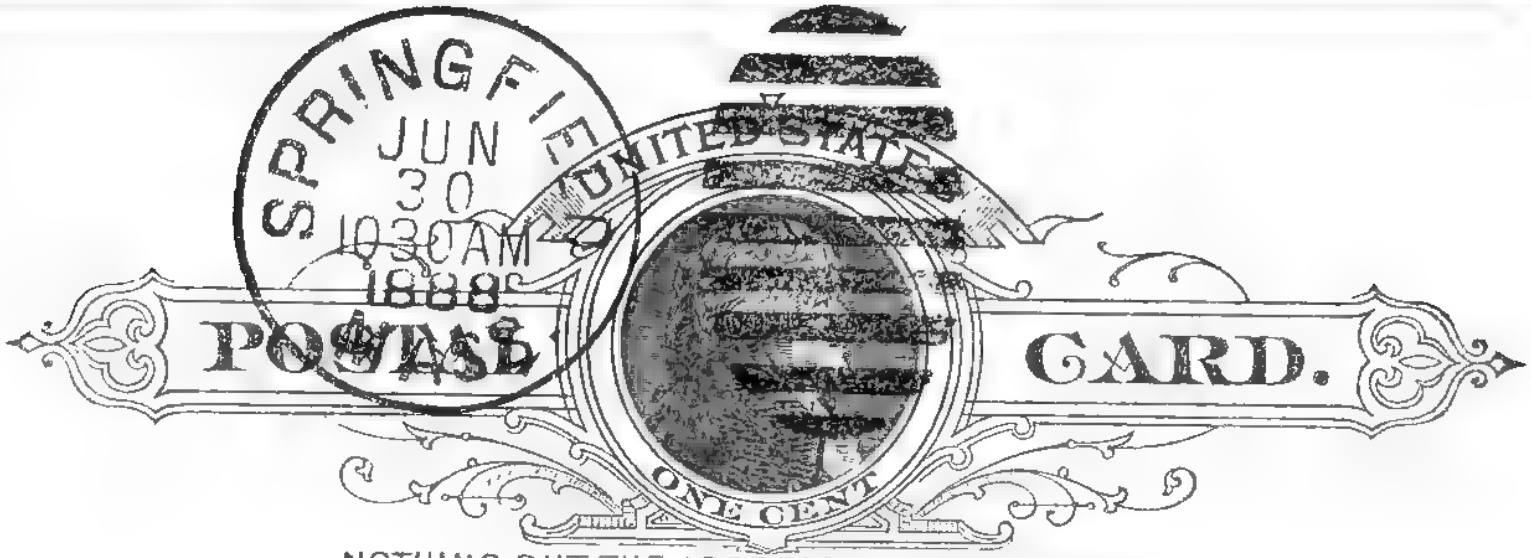
Springfield June 29, 188[illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

[illegible] and we have [illegible] time to come to Springfield Saturday, July 7, to join my [illegible] Springfield and Friday, Aug. 3. [illegible] to go with us, and then [illegible] to be [illegible] on Saturday, [illegible] we would be [illegible] [illegible] Please let Mr. Schurman know if we may expect him.

Very Cordially Yours —

[illegible] have occurred. I need to find [illegible] on my [illegible] tour. Please [illegible] where you will be [illegible] 1-[illegible] [illegible] time by [illegible] now. M.L.D.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
5 South Pier
Gloucester
Mass.

Springfield, May 31. 1888.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

There is [illegible] em-
blazoning, [illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible] had the pleasure of [illegible]
[illegible]. Those faithful answers to my Ques-
tions! — I shall never forget that kind-
ness, and I know — [illegible] — the
"trouble and [illegible]" that it cost,
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] *Home*. The
[illegible] name seemed to me so *dis-
tinguished* and gave such dignity to
my pages that I was [illegible] to
[illegible] by your opinion — Mr. [illegible]
[illegible], encouraged me — and now
[illegible]

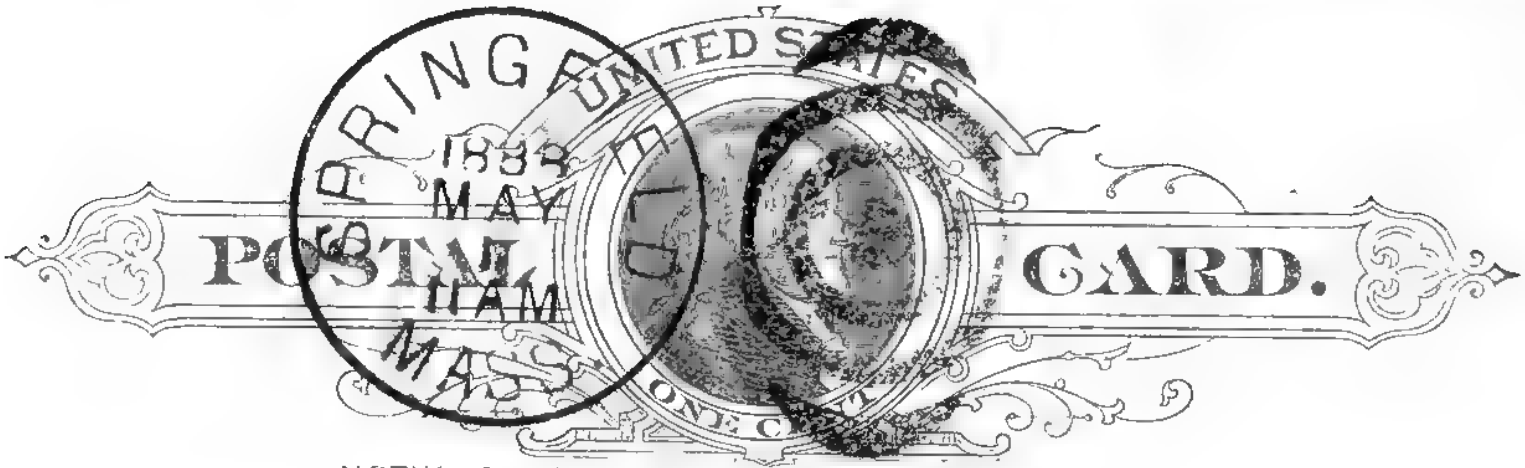
[illegible]

Yours very truly Maria L. Dana

Springfield, April 30. 1888.

I received the genuine autograph letter to Prior but I cannot be sure. Can you tell me? Prior got the Epistle on August for I distinctly remember the incident. Perhaps you will let me know. Please give my regards to Mrs Prior in the next letter.

It seems rare as it is winning sign up in a day or two, and it will actually be done in Southampton. Walter Clark promises and then he answers my last question and then he decision will be made. Was Tony your article in the Bulletin on Dr. Gray very good — I'll read it. Interesting about the ivy leaves. I wish the portrait did have a nothing me.



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Mr. Walter Lane
5 Newton Place
Cambridge
Mass.

Eric May 10. 1888

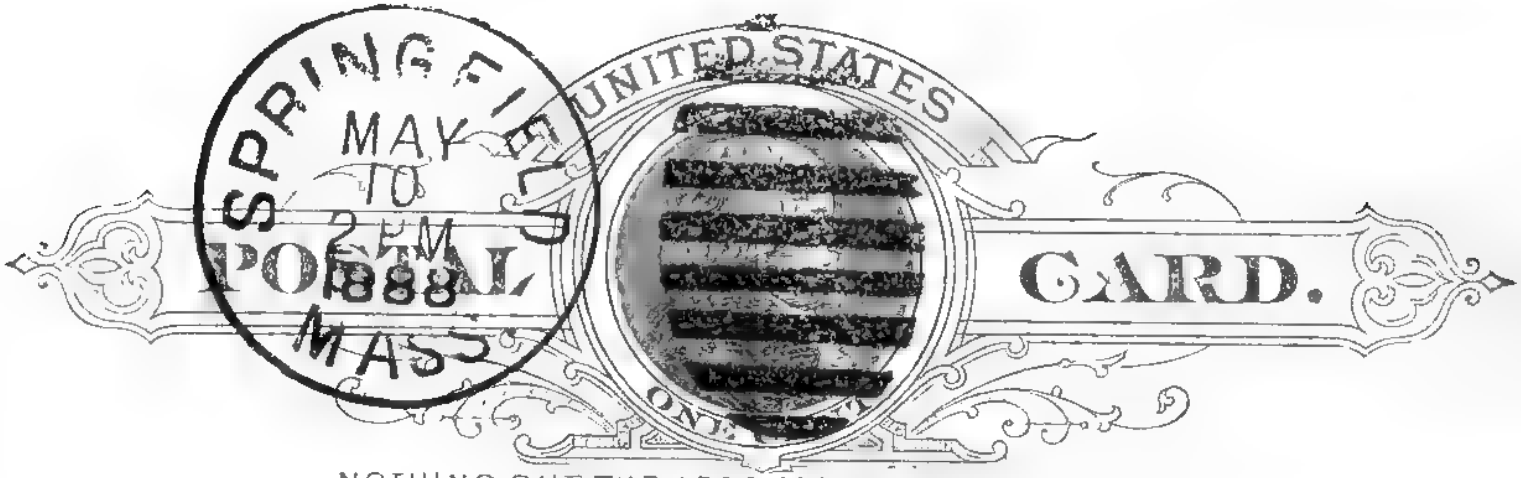
Is the Helleborus very often now, if they do well establishing from seed rather use it instead of the ——?

Lenigonum, Fries ucind. Franks.

They are doing better than they promised so in Northampton I have the power finding, and for more copy today and think they can pass my Hardy.

Yr. E.J.

P.S. As I understand it, Ranunculus auricomus, Mill. is not R. abortivus, Geyer, because this last is not in the country, and R. auricomus is a name without a synonym.



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Mr. Walter Deane
5, Fewter Place
Cambridge
Mass

in the summer on Mt. Toby, in camp, and if I find that he is going to do the same this year I will let you know of the time, but it is early to be thinking of such things — Mr. S. will probably no plan for his little vacation till the time is near at hand.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Roxbury, April 15. 1888.

Dear Mr. Deane,

My daughter had the MS. of the Catalogue ready for me, and I have read, though only hastily, your answers to my many queries. I understand very well that it must have taken many hours for you to collect first and then write down all that information; I thank you very much and assure you that I appreciate fully the help that you and Mr. Dame have given me — whatever credit the Catalogue may gain, you and he will deserve much of it, and I shall never be backward in acknowledging it.

I took the sheets to Mr. Barrows, Mr. Dame's printer, and got his

estimate of the cost of bringing it out.

300 copies, 64 pp. same style and work as "Middlesex Hera" for $100 00. Additional pages $1,55 each. Each 100 copies in excess of 300 $1.000.

Saturday I was at the office a second time and met Mr. Dunn there. He advises me to secure myself against loss in the publication by getting subscriptions for the work beforehand as he did for his. I am not willing to send out a circular, but I think I may perhaps advertise in the Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror, and accomplish about as much as I should by a circular letter. I shall attend to that as soon as possible, and then shall finish the catalogue, and make it all ready for printing. I begin to fear that I shall get nothing more from Mr. Morong, as his time is so taken up. I am sorry, for anything from a man of his high rank in the science would add a great deal to my little work.

April 16. I am ready to dine and dance this morning for Mr. Morong's notes have come! You don't know — you can't know, how nice they are. If the friend were only here who threw up his hat for me when I found those splendid plants of Woodwardia, I am sure he would repeat his kind act with vigor.

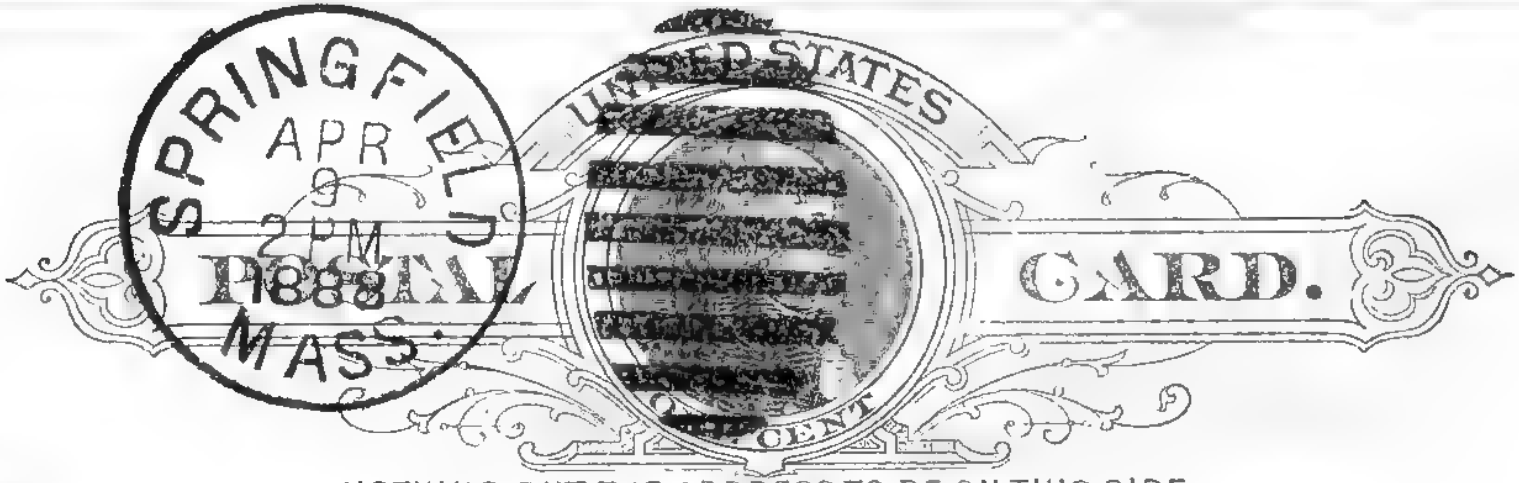
I enclose all that I learned from Dr. Chapin about Fr. simplex.

Mr. Sibbins frequently spends a fortnight

Springfield Mass. 9. 1888

Dear Mr. Dana,

I am going to Boston Wednesday of this week, and unless you advise me to the contrary, I will take my catalogue to your publisher or printer to get his estimate. If you will send me Mr. Sears card in the U.S. please send it to my address, 25 Lambers Ave. Roxbury. One address, Care of Mr. Mary G. Tallant. If you have already sent it to Mr. Deane I can easily get it from him. Thursday morning will be early enough for me to leave the Bookcase. Please let me know who your publisher is, and give any advice that seems interesting, and oblige very much Yours Truly M. L. Dana.



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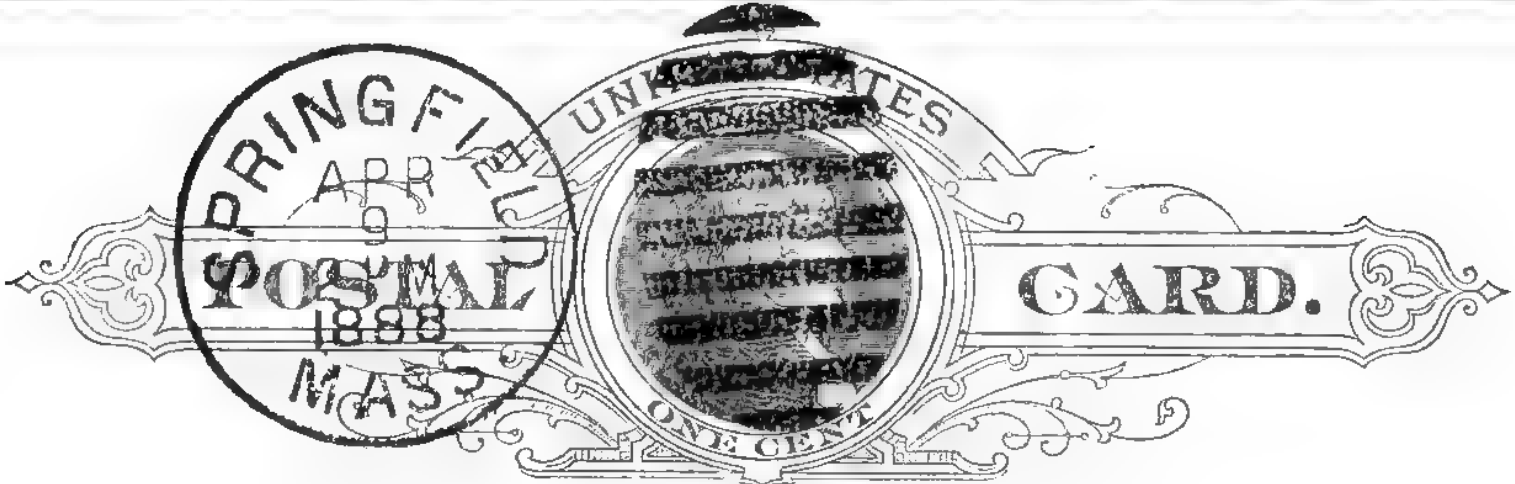
Springfield, Apr. 9, 1888

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am going to Boston this week and want to take my Catalogue to a publisher for estimates & terms. I have no copy in hand now, & would like to borrow it — will send it back if you have not had time to examine it. Please notify my daughter & she will send for it, sending me at the same time the Br. American Shells. You will find the specimens good enough from a scientific point of view, but esthetically not so satisfactory. Professional collectors are too fond of making up their specimens as handsome and indeed they cannot help much doing about the Dentalia. I have to complete set of the Haven Bulletin — can get it at the Pacific R. R. Depot. And I can decide from them what to call our Dentalias. Mr. Churchill shall have what I can learn about Lobaleg & Mr. Binder in good season. July 4. is about the time to come to. M. L. D.



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Mr. Walter Deane
5 Brewster Place
Cambridge
Mass.

[illegible], [illegible] 5. [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] have [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the specimens
[illegible] it. I have asked him to [illegible]
along with the Catalogue the ac-
companying letter as it was
written [illegible] you as well as for him,
so I say no more about that.
When you have finished, instead
of sending it to me, I would
like to have you notify my
daughter that you have done
with it, and she will send a
man to your school for it —
that is, if you will bring [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
I think I have not answered your
last letter which contained [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
me in his list, unless the [illegible]
have not been reported before.

Mr. Macoun is going to send me
some more plants before he starts
on his annual collecting tour. He
has before this sent at random, but
he asked me now what orders I
would like to have represented or
whether I preferred pretty or rare
specimens! What do you think I
told him? I leave the question
with you, feeling like a second
Stockton with his "Lady or Tiger"
puzzle.

[illegible] Wishing you a nice [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I am [illegible] in [illegible], and [illegible] the [illegible] Fund, so that [illegible] he [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] in a [illegible] [illegible].

I can give you a few herbarium specimens of the Manual, only the [illegible] from British America [illegible] the U. S. I will give you a list and if you want any or all let me know, and they shall be sent [illegible] your [illegible] by the messenger who will go on the [illegible].

Allium cernuum
Lilium Philadelphicum
Camassia Leichtlinii, Watson
in Manual C. Fraseri, Torr.

When I omit the authority or the name is the same as in the Manual.

Saxifraga Micranthidea

Saxifraga [illegible]

Dryas octopetala, var. integrifolia with the authority "G. + L." I do read in repr. [illegible] this Dryas is the same as D. integrifolia [illegible] the Manual. Under the same [illegible] [illegible] re-discovered on the White Mts. or round elsewhere in the U. S. we have [illegible] represent is in our herbaria by foreign specimens.

Willia [illegible], i.e. + [illegible]. If I read the letters right) var. mollis, Wat. [illegible] this is Spiraea [illegible], i.e. [illegible]

Sibbaldia procumbens.

Petalostemon candidus
P. violaceus

Astragalus alpinus

Then I could add if you wanted them, another Astragalus, other Saxifrages, Alliums & Spiraeas, a Potentilla, some trefoils, roses, Brodiaeas, lilies,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Bulletin [illegible]

[illegible] botanist, and the [illegible] county of Middlesex, with perhaps a [illegible] lessons in [illegible] would want a catalogue. I will [illegible] my sweeping assertion about [illegible] Miss Lucia M. Tilton [illegible] would be a botanist [illegible] [illegible] and the ambition, but I [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Dana or you [illegible] the recent criticism [illegible] Dwight; [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] nothing [illegible]; [illegible], I am

[illegible] glasses over, [illegible]

[illegible] no [illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible] Browne [illegible] the [illegible] which [illegible]. Mr. Collins has [illegible] of [illegible] revision.

[illegible] the catalogue, [illegible] much [illegible] should have been glad [illegible] orally if you had been at hand, [illegible] you will find the [illegible] with them. Some are more [illegible] you [illegible], while [illegible]

[illegible] No. [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible] Clark Tr. [illegible] & Co. [illegible] an estimate of the cost of [illegible] out the book; they are [illegible] — [illegible] too, — and they [illegible] a large amount of [illegible], [illegible] they were unwilling to take hold of this work. They said they were not used to such work, and they [illegible] the many [illegible] [illegible] wrong. They needed [illegible] would [illegible] the [illegible] precise directions that I should give them, but I did not [illegible]. [illegible] Bridgman & Co. in [illegible] printed, [illegible]

[illegible]

I find the letter I wrote you [illegible] suggestions about [illegible] and [illegible] in returning the [illegible] I [illegible] not been able to [illegible] in the subject matter, [illegible] to [illegible] it all through this [illegible].

So I commit it to you and [illegible] for examination [illegible] and for criticism on all points and not merely those to which my questions call your attention.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Ewen

My address is

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Nov. 2. [illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible],

I am sitting alone [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible]; I [illegible] to thank you [illegible] for your invitation [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] all calculations will fail.

I wrote to Mr. Foster a day or two ago, and here comes his answer this morning, [illegible] a [illegible]. Do you remember what you told me of this [illegible] the [illegible] fine specimen which you had given us [illegible] of [illegible], and telling me that he would [illegible] in [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for me? I was in so [illegible] [illegible] that you were [illegible]. I [illegible] you the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mr [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], their brother was
miss him, so if you do not receive
them soon I don't think it would
be out of place in you to ask him
to send them by mail. It will not
be too late to make additions for
many weeks, still the sooner I
get them the better.

I have interspersed the sheets of
the catalogue with [illegible]
containing queries & remarks
addressed to you & Mr. [illegible].
As I am writing I will enclose
two of them that you may get
the desired information at your
leisure.

I hope to [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], and may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]; I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] copying some [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] Conjunctions [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Minnesota, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] so [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Springfield, Feb. 12. 1889

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have just had a call from an old friend of mine Rev. G. W. Perry of Rutland, Vt., and while the interest is fresh & lively in my mind I want to tell you of a plan of his, which you may be able to help. He would like to take a party of boys on some vacation trip in our own country, – he says across the continent, but if some other trip would suit the parents better – say to the Lake Superior region, Yellowstone Park, Colorado, or elsewhere I suppose he would willingly fall in with their wishes. However, "across the continent", is what he said. Now I will tell you what qualifications he has for making such a trip delightful & instructive. He is very fond of natural history in any form, but he is, in particular

Collections & then starts out again. He told me how much he proved enjoy such a trip as he described, but the trouble was that he had no fell made the right connection – the men who would put their sons with him didn't know him. They must be rich men, who could pay him for his time just as they pay any other teacher, for I hardly need tell you that he is poor – are not these universal geniuses always poor? I said nothing except to wish him well in a general way, but I determined in my mind to ask you if such a party could be made up from your boys & friends of theirs. Mr. Perry could easily take charge of a dozen he says if they were obedient & trusty, and a bad boy he would not take on any terms.

Now I write without his knowledge, and if you cannot further this plan, why, there will be no hopes disappointed; Mr. Perry is going to use such agencies as he can find himself,

a good botanist and geologist; he is State geologist for Vermont. He is a good photographer, and from photographing scenery, that sense which sees quickly the picturesque bit in a landscape is highly developed in him. He is a well-informed man in all directions, would be very capable of interesting the boys in the history, political &c., of the places where stops were made. He is a man not much over forty I should judge, in good health, very active in body, quick & inventive in mind, ready to meet an emergency. He is married and has children of his own, and has a remarkable faculty of getting along well with boys. For the last three years he has taken a party of them from Rutland to Queen City Park on the shore of Lake Champlain; — twelve went the first year, twenty the second, twenty-five the third, and from every body in Rutland he could get the highest testimonials of his thoroughness & fitness to take boys anywhere. His stories of camping-out and roughing it are as fascinating as chapters of Robinson Crusoe — I can't even begin to tell them in a letter. He is thoroughly fond of boys and believes in them, and always cheerful and entertaining. He is a Universalist minister, and speaks well I am told — I heard him once & liked him; he was settled here on a while and is very near we became acquainted through our botanical society. But he is not in his right place as a minister, I should think, why; I am sure he always does the young people of his parish much good by his lectures &c. He can make his own stereopticon views to illustrate anything, and he lectures sometimes on astronomy — again on botany or minerals or what not. Perhaps he might have been a collector for some institution to go out like Mr. Morong, come home & arrange his

but I thought that if you could help him at all, you would do an equal favor to the other parties, — men who would be glad to have their boys so well provided for in education. This letter is sent that I may be entitled to contribute to the cause. If you could and would help him, I should want to give him a letter of introduction to you and after that he could make his own way. He goes to Boston occasionally on business, and he would take one of those times to call on you at your house or your School as you might prefer.

This for that, but if any parents want to send their boys east instead of west my daughter is going in June to spend the summer in England & two months of France with her brother, and would take two good boys along. Walter is an architect and would study and sketch the notable buildings that they visited — he sketches rapidly & well, and is competent to instruct in that art,

He is very fond of boys and a great favorite with them; his morals & manners are all right — no end of testimonials of their effect from Springfield, Boston & New-York — in deed, his brother even. As for Amelia she is a pink of propriety — not a prig, mind you, and she likes him, and speaks French well enough to keep the party up if it will in France. More particulars if desired. Her passage is engaged and any who are going in June have to attend to it in good season, as the steamers carry but a full complement of passengers in that month.

I read Mr. Morris's interesting letter in the Last Bulletin. He seems to have begun well, except for getting that rattle, and I hope he will give us equally good news every month.

Don't feel obliged to answer this intensely personal letter in a hurry — take your own time. When you do write I hope you can tell me that your wife is entirely well again, with any other pleasant news that you think of. Regard to both of you from your sincere friend

Maria L. Ward

Springfield June 5. 1882

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send back part of the correspondence that you kindly sent me. I am keeping back the other two letters to read parts of them at the meeting of our little botanical society next Friday, for which I assume your consent. There is nothing private in them, I see, and besides I shall not send

the white, and the account of the road, rains, thunder storms difficulty of getting water &c. But our idea, though of course a vain one, of the difficulties encountered by our ancestors, something of which we never think till it is brought right before us.

I was in the Botanic Garden last week, walked through the greenhouses where I saw many orchids new to me, my visit there seldom being at this season of the year. Yesterday morning I went early to Burnside & Mr. Dawson took me over the grounds and showed me every of the rare varieties known of the Earth. Did I find one flower to the text that every one of these varieties had cost? No – but I do now.

Friday evening or Saturday I will mail the other letter.

With thanks now & more then Yours very truly Maria L. Dow

Springfield June 9. 1887

Dear Mr. Deane,

I return with thanks Mr. M's letter. They were listened to with much interest at the Bot. Society Friday, & all admired the cheerful spirit with which he bore his disconfort & the energy with which he carried out his plans. There is one pest & horror — snakes — that he does not mention. I should have supposed that the woods would be full of them & I should dread them more than those thunder storms —

Yes they do, Mr. Dawson as the Arnold Arboretum told me his name, & I looked in the botany — the Manual — to make sure that it was rubra & not alba.

Your school seems to hold a little longer than the girls' school. My daughter came home yesterday & will sail for Europe next week to meet her brother & spend the summer with him in England & France. I hope your vacation will give you & your wife just the rest you need to make you as strong & well as ever by the end of it. With kind regards to both

Yours very truly Marian L. Owen

though I would carry out Mr. Murray's wishes if I moved in letter about introducing American manufactures into So. America to some extent, so I let Mr. Shipley of the So. Union read it. I would not allow him to copy anything nor to mention any names, for it was not my letter & I felt that it would be taking too great a liberty to let him do those things, but I told him he might make an editorial out of the fact if he chose. I hope you will not disapprove of this proceeding.

I sent a copy of my Catalogue & Ashland for Mr. Murray the very day that I received copies from the printer, though I was pretty sure that he had got as far as New York as clear. So he does not find it laid up for him when he comes back I shall send him another.

Mons subra, Le it must be, for

But in this world I could manage to call back the delicious freshness of my youthful studies by going to a new region as Mr. Morong has, though I found Clover Colorado where my friend Miss Freeman collected some 400 new things two years ago.

But my Iris from which I have strayed — if you have any views about it do let me know when you have leisure by & by — up in Jaffrey perhaps, where I hope you & your wife will have a lovely time.

Yours with kind regards

Marian L. Owen.

Springfield June 19. 1889.

My dear Mr. Deane,

When I was in Nantucket last summer I heard about a yellow iris growing wild, and a few days ago one of my good friends sent me specimens. Of course those short-cloved & 5-pt.-petalled flowers were curled up & decayed beyond recognition, but two of the large buds bloomed in water and I pressed them. They came from the Lily Pond which is back of Lily Street, and the back yards of the houses in that street run down toward the pond, which is not so far off but that garden plants might easily make their way to it, and irises would take to water as you know

as naturally as ducks. This is very likely some species that has been raised for ornament, although from the very small size of the inner divisions of the perianth, it is not as known as most of the garden irises. I don't know any of the cultivated ones by their specific name, but this may be the I. pseudacorus described in Dr. Gray's "Field, Forest & Garden Botany". It has no beard nor crest; I have no leaves, but will send you what I received from Nantucket, showing the spathes.

But how can I help looking with longing eyes at the short description of I. cuprea, which is also beardless & crestless? "Copperish-yellow" — these from N. are a pretty bright yellow but they have copper colored veins in the outer divisions of the perianth.

I had a letter from Prof. Eaton last November, pleasant all the way through, but with one charming passage so uproarious in this case that I must quote it. "How pleasant it would be" he says "to forget all one's botany & have to learn it all over again! To gather the flowers of early spring & study them out — to learn anew the distinction between anemone & erodictium — to bring home Viola canina & try to persuade one's self that the spurs were so long that it must be V. rostrata!!" Such thoughts show the true lover of the fair science, but for myself I want to hold on to all I know, at any rate in this short life; when I walk among the asphodels of the heavenly meads I shall be willing enough to begin anew

[illegible] Feb. [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

These are certainly [illegible] in a [illegible] and very [illegible] the [illegible], — then [illegible] the [illegible] They are [illegible] to mine, for I had [illegible] of a number of [illegible] and the [illegible] of my time to read [illegible], but such as they are [illegible] they will [illegible].

Yours very truly

[illegible]

It would be quite a treasure if the abnormal growth were developed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it is only the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours very truly

[illegible] [illegible]

P.S. Please excuse the ridiculous envelope — to hold the specimen without folding and that is the important thing. [illegible]

And next I had to cut down the size of the letter —

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Dear [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] R. Engelmanni, Lesq. (which of the new Manual all, is now R. latifolius,) and all call it so, although there is another [illegible] in the new Manual not very well described, with which they agree in size of leaves & [illegible] [illegible] this kind of [illegible] may more than 20 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] growing on [illegible] [illegible] ground [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and the man who [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I found Pentstemon [illegible]

[illegible] I collected

the [illegible] week for

[illegible]

[illegible] so while

turning over the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to the effect that they [illegible]

[illegible] undeveloped [illegible]

[illegible] the specimen [illegible]

[illegible] you may [illegible] for your [illegible]

Hooker as you have, it is likely that I should agree with you — Mr. Pringle.

Now about the name. I write R. Lasiulatus as the syn. of R. Engelmannii, and I see that you do the same in your reply, but I observed today in looking into the new Manual again, that the name there is Lasiatulus — it is, however, as we both wrote it, in the 6th ed. which must now be classed with the "old" manuals.

I guess I can get you some nice fruit of Lathyrus latifolius. I should think about the 4th week in July is might be found, and I will go & look. The plant grows amongst grass and is really very hard to find it when out of flower, and besides they probably mow the field about the time that the seed are ripe. This is only to prepare your mind for a disappointment, for it is a pleasant

Springfield June 21. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I wonder if I can put you in the way of getting a good specimen of L. Ploy-cucii. You know Professor Norton has a summer home in Springfield, and the man who takes care of the place, Mr. Carter, told me that two ladies by the name of Murray came every summer and occupied a house near Prof. Norton's owned some little distance from the village; these ladies, he said were always collecting plants. They live in Cambridge, and if you know them, or can make their acquaintance soon, you might induce them to bring you specimens. They probably know where to find it as it is not far from their house, — and yet it is it

out of bloom by the time they go up they may not have noticed it; I can tell him however, just the place, and there is but one possibility. I was informed. Well if you can secure fruiting specimens from them, I will give you a lovening me, not nice, but fair. I had no claim with me, and no convenience for pressing. Mr. Carter did not seem quite sure of the name Murray — it might be Merrill or ~~Songe~~ Thing else of similar sound, but one of the ladies was formerly a governess in Mr. Norton's family as I was told by another person.

I have in Hooker's Flora, and it is not in our City Library nor within my reach anywhere, but ~~by~~ the Manual my specimen agrees with R. Engelmanni in every particular but one, and that is the last — "many times larger than the achenium". I have a fresh specimen right here, and should say that the valve was four times larger; "four" might be called "many" in this case and I left both pick. (Later - I see it five times larger.)

Engelmanni — "stem simple" — mine is simple.

Acetosa — "like the last" (Acetosella) but Acetosella has a branching stem.

Engelmanni "leaves nearly as in the next" (Acetosella) i.e. halberd form or hastate.

Acetosa "leaves oblong or broadly lanceolate" In my spec. the leaves were strongly hastate.

All three are said to have fibrous pedicels.

My specimens have naked valves, to my eyes — there is certainly no "grain" on them. The mid-vein is thicker at the base, or I should say wider at the base, than above — that is all. The valves are not "orbicular" as in Acetosa, but "round heart-shaped" as in Engelmanni.

I am only showing that I am right by the deductions which I had — if I had

have an excursion over 5 the place when it grew.

Don't answer this till you get ready, it is just in month, but when you do, if you don't know it, please tell me if the enclosed is Chest Aurea, Hut.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Don't you think the description of R. Acetosa is rather meagre? It certainly does not distinguish the plant clearly. M. L. O.

Springfield, July 3. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you specimens of fungi for study; they are not nice for the home. Fall & enclose a label which you may fill out according to your conviction. I could arrive at a conviction of my own if I had Hooker, but I can trust you so I shall call it what ever you say. I pick the truth out. I did by my Amherst Cat. that what they called P. Englmannii had been known there in some way before 1875. Perhaps P. Acetosa would be considered a greater find, as the new Manual mentions only two localities for it.

I put in a label for the Lycoris

too, though the specimen is poor & leaving no info, ~~[illegible]~~ incomplete. I mentioned the Murray ladies, for it was possible you know, that they might be intimate friends, very dear neighbors, or something of that sort. Much obliged in the conversation of E. Aurea. It seemed plain enough, but I never trust my own determination in any of that genus — always highly pleased when I come out right however.

A very pleasant vacation to you. Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Feb. 21. 1909

Dear Mr. Lane,

I don't think I can more than two hours in the laboratory this week but will do what I can.

You can mean that you would say label on the metal Dromodium is Dromodium or that it is not worth keeping. Please let me know and time if I may rely about it, if not you tell my boy.

Yours very truly

Marie Curie.

Mr.

P.S. If I have time I'm sending you my latest article on "Art Truth" (Christian Register, Aug. 25). I will do so. I want it 5 meet the eye of Professor Howe like yr., and ~~too~~ your friend.

W.C.C.

with which he is coming back.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Today (Monday) I have picked my poor little violet — normally it is twice as large & spurs proportionately longer — This lacks a petal even; its color too, is pale — The most I can say is that it is better than nothing — M. L. O.

Springfield, Oct. 25. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad the hint of that unlucky Crosswhite was good for anything. As you assure me that it is V. Virginiana I have entered it under your own locality in my own copy of the Nat. Catalogue.

No violets? I keep the letter back in which I told you their history till I had two in bloom; I then laid them with a few leaves of the plant in folds of paper & put them into the letter without trying to

dry them, because I knew they would revive in water & I wanted you to see them fresh. Well, there is another bud on my little plant, and I will keep this letter back, and when the bud is fully blown put up flower & leaves in the same way for you. I mention the long span, but these cold flowers do not show that as plainly as the earlier ones did. But what could have become of that earlier specimen? If I had left it out, as I might have done thoughtlessly, it seems as if I should have seen it afterward on my table. I suppose you get the letter at any rate. In it I related the history of the Chromodrium — i.e. its new locality & the reason that it was not properly pressed. Letters so rarely get lost in the mail that I can not think of this one as not reaching you.

I am glad to hear of Mr. Morong's safety and his soon expected return.

"Happy the man, like wise Ulysses, tried,
Or him who got of yore the fleece of gold,
Who comes at last, from travels manifold,
Among his kith and kindred to abide".

I hope that is the feeling

Rebels not
bearded —
Spur long.

Letter dated
Oct 25
M. L. O.

Cyperus strigosus, L.
var. robustior, Kunth.

My drive was to Gardner and then
then to Sacramento, Paul's Hill & Pol-
ten. My walks from there to Tom
Neven's Ford & West. I had had
the opportunity to explore the Nau-
winer & Pocono region, that Cro-
modium would not have bloomed
unnoticed for fifty years were Presi-
dent Hitchcock observed it — it is really
quite abundant at Pocono, & very
conspicuous.

Another thing in the last letter was, the question
whether the Cathyrus seeds were as
you wanted them, or if you owned
Wesley's pipe root in their natural shape
impressed it just into a pocket. I shall
be very likely to collect more ruff
seed and you can have them just
as you want them — only say the
word.

You dear know what cold chills
ran over me, when I read the lines

Springfield, Dec. 30. 1879.

Dear Mr. Deane,

The receipt of twenty and
seven dollars, — my letter never
reached you — was lost. Now as
I see I cannot correctly, I
will waste time in guessing, but re-
ceive the inclosed book.

The violet was raised in my
own garden from seed that I found;
I expected it to bloom, but as I
found the seed in '78, I do not
remember what it came from —
I did not buy it however, I know
that. In '79 I had several plants
that produced cleistogamous flowers
all summer, but not a single
complete flower of good quality, so
I pulled up all but one — I was in

going to be overrun with them.
But you the one did about the same this till late in the season when it bore a few very nice flowers; I had specimens long ago that is very nearly Cornuta, but I understood that it was in Coulter's Rocky Mountain Manual then in Chapman's & then in the new Gray, but is it not in either. A friend in California sends me seed, sometimes, so I thought the origin is in Coulter — I have in the California Manual. I have settled down upon the theory that it is a hybrid — that the seed really came from V. cornuta, but that they were not true — other violets near had crossed with V. cornuta. The little thing that I sent last is not a fair specimen; a good one is twice as large & has a very conspicuous spur.

And in a way in Nantucket I was to see Poecilo me dear — Fellin over the hill north of the marsh & found me a few little clumps of the plant that I seek. It was all out of bloom, but I saw that it was of the Bonge family & so-called it was Canadian Primrose. I did not feel sure, for I never saw that plant growing and never had a fresh specimen but twice & then were brought to me year ago — little things too. I could not press it — no time — so I just rolled it up in a newspaper & kept for you. I wanted it identified, for Poecilo is a new locality to enter on a blank page of my Catalogue. When I was a young girl & roaming over the island wherever I could walk, I very rarely went to Maxwell or Poecilo or anywhere in that part of the island.

the land. I dreamed I had that
I was so small it was very cold
this year – impossible to see
round it without going through
the trees. How I do love my
island home!

"The surf is beating on this island
shore,
and I can see, tonight,
as away near the breakers on the roar,
and view the beacon light."

— and grow very homesick, I
may add.

With good wishes
from your faithful friend
Maria L. Dana

from the Georgics with which you have interwoven my argument. I had quoted that in an article I wrote for the Ky's Republican some years ago, but the words were in a different order: "Suscitant vero et pari pacis arbitra bonides" The line would scan though, just as well as thus (as the next line begins with a vowel — "Et Pérides" &c. I believe) which was some comfort; but I rushed for my Virgil & found that I was right — you had probably quoted from memory — a thing which I cannot do except in the fewest of instances.

I was in Nashville but a few days — my friends took me out over the hills however — and amongst

Springfield, Dec-24-1891

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my thanks for the calendar and the good wishes which it brought. I will put the useful little thing right before me on the writing table where I spend so much of my time, and think of you every time I use it.

I send you some plants that I collected last summer on a pleasant journey that I took; where it was I will not say, but will put it out as a puzzle for you, to be solved by the plants themselves. I number instead of naming them, and have kept a numbered list.

When you write and tell me your

~~I am~~ guess I will write more at length. But I ought to add a little more now. I cut the stream of variegated elm from bushes that had sprung up round two beautiful trees growing in the front yard of a house. They were said to be at least sixty years old, and were perhaps forty feet in height. When fresh the green was of the most vivid hue, and the white which is yellow now, was as pure as the new-fallen snow — a lovely combination.

The "What-is-it" was from a window plant. I took a very small leaf — some of them were nearly as large as my hand. And the flower stalk was three feet long, at least, about eighteen inches bare, then a knot of flowers, pure white, and then six inches or so of buds. I could learn no other name than "Bridal Wreath." With these two exceptions the plants are native to the region where I collected them.

With all the good wishes of the season to yourself and your wife, I am

Your sincere friend

Marie L. Owen.

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[illegible] — it would not be worth

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

down into the rock bed. It was
is on a five-mile walk from the
town (my uncle's) and the Tiber
Dolben was lying from Dungeon
Gurth & Chapel Field in Westmoreland.

No study is quite left when it pays
to do direct work, so I have a little
consolation in thinking that you and
Mr. A. are more happy than ever
in Rome. Don't let Mr. A. write in the
Lib. Library and he may get his
Rome Prize. He was very kind and agre-
eable, and I hope in our behalf though
in, if he is forgiving enough to re-
ceive them kindly.

I was one year more nearly
four months; as we went in a Bel-
gian (Red Star) steamer we went two
days in Antwerp, and one in Bruges.
We went directly to England and
had fine till we left for home in
a White Star Steamer from Liverpool.

Cincinnati, Oct. 15. 1891

My dear Mr. Stone,

Don't you think that
the middle of our "The Rose"
time we have been in England - had
no time to write - for that matter
we, I mean Dolben and I, stuff
a Collector Rose, but we did have
an hour or two with Mr. Stillman
who is very much for Jim "The Blute".
Have not we been in century & Mass.
& historic or literary circles? They
all seem so familiar to me and
"so English" that I forget it
would be recognized here again as
such - in fact I cut out some
of them - too dear for letters
for fear of making my saddle too
heavy. And you have taken so much

[illegible] I found it was [illegible] Davenport
in Fo, of [illegible] and
[illegible] and [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible].

As I [illegible] known the known
of Trust of [illegible] in a [illegible] little
[illegible] [illegible] P. Adiantum-
nigrum — But it [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] to be. [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in Devonshire, and [illegible] [illegible]
are never as large as [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] in Cornwall [illegible] "Integer
of the Cornish Ch" on the rocks at
the [illegible] of Tintagel Castle, &
found in them that it called P. marinum,
or grow so deep in the cleft that it was
impossible for me to get the whole plant

or [illegible] of the root. The Scolopendrium
[illegible] [illegible] and Asplenium [illegible]
I have seen in [illegible]; these
[illegible] P. Adiantum-nigrum
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]-
[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] growing as [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] P. marinum. I suppose it is
[illegible] These two which are [illegible]
[illegible] to me. To me more than to you!
& be P. marinum (Robull) —

Cryptogramme crispa [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] & my eyes — Rush quantity —
(And it can never be eradicated
even with the most careful col-
lecting, for the roots cannot be
cleaned without [illegible], and strength
and the right instrument for getting

Springfield, May 4. 1892.

My dear Mr. Deane,

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] things in it. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has any [illegible] [illegible] exchange or gift. Now on the other hand

Concluded [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] found a Great Head on Mt. [illegible], and at the [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] I must have left them in one of the [illegible] that I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I must send my thanks for your article on Mr. [illegible] written for the Bulletin. It is very appreciative — a just tribute to the gentle and friendly nature of that good man, as well as to his scientific knowledge. Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

of Lord Northcliffe and
Mr. Lloyd George of Lord
Beaverbrook and Mr. Lloyd
George in the same time we
have had the Conservative Newspaper
Proprietors. Mr. Max Aitken
and Mr. Edward Grigg, Mr. Wentworth
Beckett and Mr. Lloyd
and Mr. Ellis Griffith. If
I shall do so no longer, I will
have my own Banner. For
I know I can't for this is the
Imperial Style. I have been
Mr. Green's — simply itself —
but I may be too presumptuous
in a little Granite like me

to take with such a Star
as. Should the Individual
of his or I and me of
Your Cloak on a Cutter.
Upon my Chivalry Tell and
Fair Queen It is my Cock. The
Bright in the Mountain Air
For in the Long Hill on me.
Of Mornings to Come Flower into
Dear one of Big Bonny Towards
Sparkling in the Beams on the
Tempt and Cells Wanted" Tell
it will do on me? Mr. Lloyd-
Greaves, Sir of Fine Jon Cook Peter
Keep & Colepaul Aid." Tell me
a Cool Old Hat out, Hide, in
Something or other, and hereafter of
Shall Bewitch Comes with the re-
Guirements of Science and of my

I'd be glad to send anything more in the way of labels, or anything different in what I send, let me know & I think I can do it rather sooner than I have last [illegible].

With kind regards to your wife as well as to yourself,

Yours very truly
Marian L. Darlington

That beautiful Lomatium! I had to look at a hundred plants to find any pretty small enough to press. The color was very bright & pretty & the surface glossy & and the shape of the whole plant very stately. Have little idea as dried specimen go!

M. L. D.

Springfield Aug 30. '92

My dear Mr. Deane,

Please imagine all the hindrances and trials that can befall a housekeeper (short of sickness & death), think of them as following straight along without intermission, and then you will excuse my long delay in answering your last letter.

I shall send you labels for my English plants with pleasure — that is, as far as I can now. I didn't collect any fern that I called Asplenium montanum, and I did not climb any mountain while I was gone. Then there is the one that puzzled you — No. 3 in your

list. and I shall return the list to refresh your memory, it is now so long since you wrote about the specimens.

I but I collected what I called Asp. Adiantum-nigrum, — a beautiful specimen, though a small one, — on a delightful Cheddar-wood wall in Devonshire. The growth of ferns, mosses & flowering plants was very luxuriant. Then on the rocks wet with the ocean's spray, at the base of King Arthur's Castle in "Tintagel by the Cornish sea" I discovered with delight what I supposed to be Asplenium marinum. The fronds were small, and the roots were so deep in little narrow clefts & cracks that I could not get any complete plant — at least I think so, but I did have any specimen with a root I sent it to you. If you want a label for yours, I & you had better send them back for my inspection. I shall know where I collected them and can tell where I called them.

I have been at home all summer but hope to get away for a week or two soon, — think of going first to Tamworth, N.H. near Mt. Chocorua. I suppose you have been in some pleasant country place, and have had a nice time. Any good finds?

Cincinnati, Nov. 3, 92

Can we get a new name for the Cincinnati Museum out of this vigilant? If may be Cincinnati Museum & Nat. Hist. Society. Now it seems to me, but I have no microscope here, & it's much time to study it. Have it the latest edition of the Manual Lit. If you send the specimen in water, it will keep fresh, & you will have the advantage of a fresh specimen an inch or two of the stem & root. I have a letter from you at home, unanswered, but not forgotten. You will hear from me sometime.

Yr. C. Dan

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
4 Brewster Place
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Sp'd Nov. 14. 1892.

I send you another pigweed, which I think is new to the Catalogue, sure. I call it Chenopodium ambrosioides L. Is you? It was growing in the sand under the lee of a boat drawn up for the winter, I suppose, on an old wharf — a little clump of three or four plants, of which this was the best. There was not a truly perfect leaf on any of them. I found this yesterday and have just examined the fruit under the glass. I found much work awaiting me, for club, horticultural society and family, but I shall work through in a week I think, & then write you a letter.

Yours very truly M. L. Owen

I suppose "Mr. Gott" the other plant I sent & directed "Brewster Place".

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

the land gone to seed, but plenty of Daisies in full bloom, and they are in bud. The lilacs too, were still quite abundant on the commons, and as for the yard and gardens in town they were their own brighter with their Chrysanthemums of all hues, marigolds, snapdragons, larkspurs and a dozen other flowers. The eschscholtzias in particular were as large & rich in color as in California, and the delicate things that they are in our Springfield gardens.

But no more about my dear old home – I will draw to a close wishing you a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Nov. 21-1892.

My dear Mr. Owen,

I am glad that one of my plants was worth putting into your herbarium. I shall endeavor a label. I saw that the seeds would decide the species, but I could not see their edges without my microscope.

Have you any Hudsonia ericoides from Mr. Conway N.H.? I collected it there in September, and can give you a specimen, such as it is. I was driving along and saw what to my Nantucket eyes, which have known Hudsonia as long as they have known dandelions, looked like the plant. I had thought that I could usually trust organs were deceiving me, but stopping & collecting some, I found that I had the veritable thing, and when I consulted my

Thanks, learned that a Mr. Minns had reported it. The latter is in plain sight from the regular public road, & not more than a rod from it. These September specimens have neither flowers nor fruit.

I spent two weeks in New Hampshire, with my daughter for my companion; the first week at Plymouth, and the second in North Conway. I noticed two lines which I never saw in this region. I called one P. resinosa; I had seen it years before at Arsenal Farm. The other seemed like P. mitis, but that would be out of its region & I guess I was wrong; it was more likely P. Banksiana.

What do you think of a Valerianella in Springfield? We have found V. radiata near the railroad, — caught it upon its travels. I will send you some seed now, for they prove the species, and I can give you an herbarium specimen too if you want one.

A lonely thing indeed the weedier Coolin Island I ever came across; it looks like something degenerated almost out of existence — a hereditary pauper of the vegetable world.

I don't know about your Mt. Monadnock goldenrod, for I do not take the Bulletin. I liked it in the old times when it was high & stalwart in its character, but of late years much of it has been beyond me, and when I was I was going abroad I stopped taking it. I have just looked through the genus in the new Manual to see if you had any species, variety or form credited to you. I have noticed your name in some other part of the book, — what I think of now is a Utricularia found in Barnstable, U. biflora. Perhaps it may gladden some collector's heart in Nantucket some time.

The seaside goldenrod, S. sempervirens, was blooming right along when I was on the island — the plants hoary with

Springfield Nov. 25 - 1892

My dear Mr. Dean,

You must indeed straighten out the Hudsonia affair. When I see the plant in the growing season, I know the two species at least at sight from their color; if I look at a pressed specimen, the flowers, if the stalks or scales, give a quick means of deciding, but the plants that I saw in North Conway were old and dark-colored, and had no flowers. I say there were no flowers, more properly my specimens had none. We were driving home after an excursion of some hours. Then I saw this patch and got my daughter to get out of the carriage & bring me some of it; she made no search for flowers or fruit, and I did not care for any — Hudsonia or not Hudsonia was the only

Correspondence a hundred years old — I have read the Life & Letters of Sir J. E. Smith with great pleasure. The letters took me right into the life & times [illegible] — and all were so kindly & pleasant, but no more so than those of the botanists of the present day.

I made a trip to Cambridge a week ago, much like yours to Springfield last week (if you did come to the ball games). I went to attend Mr. Christ in behalf of the Cantabrigian Club, — took a short time to run over to the museum and see the glass flowers again, and was fortunate enough to meet Dr. Goodale there and have a little talk with him. How full of interest the museums are! Happy the Cambridge people who can avail them often. I wonder if they use their privileges.

Very truly

Marian L. Owen

thing I cared for, and if it grew there right by the roadside I thought very likely it was common in those parts. I consulted my Manual & found in the 1891 edition that H. tomentosa had been found in Conway, Maine. In later editions it is listed for New Hampshire. Then I felt sure. Conway, Maine is in Aroostook Co. and who went botanizing up there before 1891? In the fifth edition this inland location is not mentioned, but in the sixth, H. ericoides is credited to it. I meant to look it up for myself, but when I wrote to you I called it ericoides, as I supposed the Manual was right; I have soaked a piece now and looked at it under the glass, and I do think the leaves are subulate rather than oval, and so I should call it ericoides and yet Gray's is certainly tomentosa. I dare say I am wrong; I could take my specimens down to the Bot. Club and compare with the two species in our Society herbarium, but I hate to take the time to go there. I know you will make it most satisfactory to me if I send you, and I shall accept your decision.

I will send you the Alexandria soon.

I am glad to hear from Dr. Murray; I suppose he is very busy in his work at Columbia College. How is Judge Churchill? Does he keep up his interest in botany and continue to collect for his herbarium?

I enjoy a botanical correspondence as you do — always such delightful news in every letter, — even a pleasant excitement I may say, much as people who are not botanists would laugh at the idea of there being anything exciting in our pursuits. I even enjoy a botanical

Springfield Dec. 5. '82

[illegible] dear [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thought it [illegible]
fun. We see a good many interesting
things at that society. There is now
besides these [illegible], a good many
novelties [illegible]. We meet weekly
from May to October inclusive, and
have a reception the other six
months. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the other organizations
then begin their meetings and
the time that the [illegible] meetings [illegible].

I would value [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]?
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
on the [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

P.S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] please [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible]

Springfield, Mass. 7. 1893

Dear Mr. Evans,

I made cross-sections carefully & was satisfied about the facts, but I did & can see no use for this from conclusion.

Our Soc. intended use Boston and its business & the fair question of our Soc. being, two weeks ago today. We had [illegible] and our meetings are always interesting. Glad to hear that all are well & busy as usual and yet time, can say I am [illegible] for this end. Yours very truly M. L. Dana

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Wm. Walter Deane
[illegible] St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield
Sept. 2. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you a specimen of Pine, and would like to know what you call it. We think it is P. mitis, Mich., — does it seem that it can be anything else, so we send it to Earle to know. That this pine grows with us, although the Manual mentions Staten Island as the most northern locality. Dr. Walter H. Chapin

Herewith the description matches the specimen.

I hope you had a pleasant vacation and found interesting plants. I think I have seen half a dozen at least entirely new to me in the past summer, although I did not collect them myself — they were sent by absent members of our society. This dry weather has made our reservoirs very low, & Dr. Chapin reports one in Ludlow nearly dry. — Just pull a Lobelia Cardinalis, a pleasant sight as it never met his eyes before.

I hope your wife is quite well.

With kind regards to both,

Yours very truly Marion L. Lowe.

was out in Ludlow which borders on Springfield, the other day, and noticed two trees that looked strange to him and cut off the tip of a branch, which he brought to our botanical society yesterday and which I now send along. The trees were about fifty feet high, and were in a location where it was very certain they were spontaneous.

I will send you an specimen in one bunch from central New York, and in the other from our own neighborhood, but I think the species are identical.

I should add above the time, that the "prickles" which the Manual mentions on the cone scales are wanting, but as they ~~were~~ are "weak" they have probably got rubbed off.

Equisetum two, E. hyemale L.

I am sure sure, still I like to have your opinion.

The meetings of the "Natural History Society" have closed for the season, but we hope to have an enthusiastic one next summer. We hope to have a little room for our meetings next winter, and into which we can put our specimens and have it accessible. We find that many people, who claim to be on the same with and sources take out the specimens on the ties of friends — a pretty state of things!

I am glad your wife is so much better. Please give her my kind regards, and accept thanks for your kind attention to my query.

Yours very truly,
Gilbert Allen

Springfield Ills. 8. 93

My dear Mr. Deane,

At this rather late date I will reply to your last letter. You must be right about the cure, for it is called "Chlorosis" in the Spring Terminum, and is no appeal. But I am not so decided in the Manual so that one can identify a specimen beyond doubt. Under "Tunc", Section 2 is divided according to the cones.

* Cones lateral; stalks &c.

** Cones terminal; &c.

The cones of my specimen

Dr. and Dr. Chapin & me
entered, and by the leaves we
in Troy we found it a Paradise.
We left Cove about Tuesday,
but the young men & the years
Dr. & were Colonels in the
war the lady & the Dr.
young men. I hope you have
heard the Dr. Reunion, and will
have all the young men come
home. (Mr. Clem & wife)
are the credit of the city,
for it was Dr. Chapin who
invited the Trio — two, I think
in fact, in Louisville. He doubt
question your decision, but

if the Reunion included
a Press-Eye Dinner and
Executive Committee and Dr. Chapin
is still in Louisville, I
wish you would.

I heard Dr. & Mrs. Ward
Dr. Harrison said of the
Reunion. I wish he had
it can be anything but
a Reunion but it does
look rather different from the
usual Four, Tell Stella.
If Dr. Harrison, the Kentucky
Stand-by has published a
book or news?

very satisfactory, but it has made me a little tired & so very sleepy that I hardly know what words are running out of my pen, so I will say in conclusion & stop.

Yours very truly

Grace E. Dunn

Springfield Oct. 21. 1883.

Dear Mr. Crane,

I have an entirely new circle to cut blue; and flowers that I want named from their photographs. The two flowers of this size, — Nos. 3 & 7. I send the cell just for your pleasure; I think they are so pretty in their arrangement & so well taken.

The photographer is Mr. Fine of New York a friend of my son's; he is to be called an amateur photo-botanist, as his work is his recreation aside from his regular business, but with his natural taste & capability and his long practice, his work is equal to that of most who make it their profession.

One must be very familiar with the

Consider I name one from a picture. — no attempt, I see the important characters, from recollection Cirsius rose flowers in June &c.

Can it be Helianthus autumnalis? The disc is rounded & broad too, and the whole flower has the aspect of our Garden Helianthus.

No. 7 looks like a Silene or a Lychnis but I think I never saw the flower. — I don't find any description that fits it. I know nothing whatever about its growth or stem or habitat. Then the other from 156 (omitting 3) — I should like to know what you call them, though I have put names upon all of them. I think I know the grass No. 2 though the leaves on the flower stalk — the upper leaves standing out so stiffly — don't look natural to me and I never observed that curious thing about their direction: perhaps I am not right in my name. Then the grass in No. 5. Considering its height — about 2 feet, I think I can place it accurately, — no not accurately but still correctly. I should like to know what you call it.

I send that along without waiting for a reply to my last letter, but it is not to worry you. And don't bother to return these either, keep them till you have a little leisure & bestow on the two. I have shown No. 7 to all the botanists here, in vain, so I send it to you because you have an advantage in a pretty complete herbarium and I mean have this very thing in it.

I walked nicely this afternoon in our Forest Park — went to bed autumn spoiling, and did it

Springfield, Oct. 23. 1898

Dear Mr. Pease,

Can you write again please that list of Dr. Robinson's. Is it John Robinson of Salem? I never saw it my time go in print. No, I see then he received Mr. [illegible] [illegible] History in the Transactions &c. He could if he [illegible] [illegible] the place. And, secondly, I want a more particular when you can tell ~~[illegible]~~ Heimia venosum from H. Quercifolium by the photographs. Color would tell me so it, and Mr. Hill [illegible] me [illegible] I [illegible] the Red one [illegible] in the photograph, which was [illegible] in the Red Mich and which [illegible] spent [illegible]. Yours &c.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Cane

Newton St.

Cambridge

Mass.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

[illegible]

I will enclose [illegible] time [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

It was a lovely [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; our [illegible] was [illegible] the Pinus [illegible] where it grows,

[illegible]

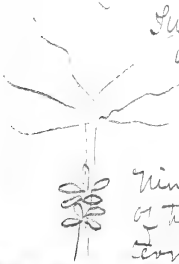
[illegible] criticism [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours very truly

[illegible]

house now a good specimen of Picea nigra, and a perfect beauty of the same, var. rubra. The latter has thirty-nine cones on it, three of which may be called terminal & the others lateral. It may be that they have become lateral by the extension of the stem after the cones were formed, i.e. by the growth of an innovation, but the Manual does not say so, and to the ordinary student, the cones are clearly & firmly lateral. Besides, I will show you by a drawing how some of them grow.



Twenty-six cones scattered over these branches.

Nine cones growing directly out of the stem: these were never terminal & Prof. says.

Springfield Dec. 22, 1893

My dear Mr. Lane,

Perhaps I can do something toward the certain identification of the supposed E. icicularis, as you will see when I tell you where it grows. I think it is not uncommon here, may be found in the pool edge of any of our ponds, though I have collected it in two only. The specimen that I sent you came from Forest Park, and that book of the Park given to the city by Mr. Barnes, subject to his control during his lifetime. It is his delight to spend a good deal of his ample income every year in improving and adorning this portion of the grounds, and the work is done under his own

supervision. His own house is on the ground, so that he can easily see the run of everything.

My plan is to show him this plant which grows to abundantly in one of his ponds (we have it in ours) and tell him how it surely the volunteer because it won't bloom, and then ask him to let me take some of it out of the water and set it out in some muddy place, and to look after it a little himself, — just enough to see that it is not disturbed. I'll even have that he will be kind enough to do that, and my expectation is that the thing will change its habit and conduct itself like the terrestrial form of Acorus. (if such it really is) and flower & seed. Is not that a hopeful scheme? I walk up down much sometimes, though not as often as I would like to, for the Park is — as you know, and it is a long walk from the place where we leave the electric car to the pond, — all artificial, yes, by the way, made on purpose to raise water plants. Two are full of lotuses; I am sure their flowers can be counted by the thousand all summer long. In other ponds there are water lilies, seven kinds at least, argyro-neuro-phyllum, as well as simple. The pond that I drew my plants out of has a few lilies in it, and Cardinal flower and other semi-aquatics on the edge.

I hope Dr. Robinson will look up Picea Tsuga in regard to the position of the cones. I have in the

In Tyl. nigra has two or three terminal and the rest, a dozen strobes, lateral. But in all the cases where the cones are now terminal, may it not be from arrested development of the shoot on which they grow? If the tip cone is nothing, it leaves the first terminal which started as a lateral growth.

Mr. Batchelder sowed out these things to me, and Dr. Chapin of Chamaecyparis tells me a similar story. I have not a specimen at hand just now, but I know he found the two position of one kind of the cattkin different from the description. The Manual speaks of them all, without discrimination as terminal.

As a little Christmas remembrance I send you one of Mr. Fine's photographs. I call it the common dandelion though the leaf looks more like that of the Leontodon, the Autumnal Dandelion.

All the good wishes of the season go with it to you and your wife from

Your sincere friend,

Maria L. Owen

Springfield Dec. 23. 1893

Dear Mr. Deane,

This follows my letter to carry my thanks for the pretty little calendar. The flower on the outside looks like something! A silene perhaps, certainly something of that family. A botanist can't put up with a generalization or an impossibility, can he? I will think of you whenever I use the handy little thing for a whole year. Yours truly M. L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Dean
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Feb. 23. [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [illegible],

I [illegible] I have a [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I enclose the [illegible] [illegible], but [illegible] [illegible] whether I ought to send it [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] are so [illegible] [illegible] in it? [illegible] me is [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I find it quite [illegible]

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and Finish" [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was noticed?

I have lately read the "Life & letters of Dr. Gray." Very pleasant reading, but it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to think of them having this now ended. And how happy he & his wife were together! The long & pleasant journeys which they [illegible] always [illegible] and the delightful friendships that they formed! The little occasional glimpses of home life were charming — the two having a quiet game of solitaire cards in the evening, for instance — Hardly room for regards & Mr. Owen.

[illegible]. I think [illegible] to try the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] mention it.

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Florida, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] him.

Will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the trees of New England this year? The thing that you were doing of disease, or that another that he is planning? If not, the trees remind me of the [illegible]-[illegible], and they remind me of an error in the new "Manual" which I never wanted to see. It is the habitat of [illegible] lineata, p. 347. "Sandy sea-shore of Nantucket, Mass. and Fortress M., Va." I could hardly find the single ones in [illegible], but it is there in [illegible] that I have the [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible] I have written in the margin "Error on the sandy sea-shore in Nantucket, — always in salt marshes. W. L. Owen." ① Perhaps my assertions are too sweeping, for I admit that I never went all round our island, but I am ready to be corrected when any one can show a specimen from the beach sand.

Have you seen that story in "Garden

[illegible]

I should like to hear what you in Boston & Philadelphia, and of this wonderful [illegible] pursuit — I know nothing in comparison to it, in my life I had never seen — Is it coming out? Do you write to Miss Dickinson & Mrs Dickinson?

Yours very truly

Maria L. Allen.

Dear Miss Dickinson,

I write a line just to express how very sorry I felt & the unworthiness I felt over your loss — and I am glad you sympathized — [illegible] would be easy to do so.

We were friend [illegible] & [illegible] the last night in Air & [illegible] me [illegible] at [illegible] kind; I [illegible] with my friend [illegible] Union [illegible], and [illegible] to hold [illegible] & end it right.

I entered the Queens as [illegible] with all due credit — I [illegible]

in the Wound. It is see is
lance, and it is said, besides
the Lance, the Sponge and the
Crown of Thorns. Some of these
would have been our Saviour's
blood that flowed from
under your feet, and if I
had known that it had the
power, before I went for me
had it to do, I would have
gone to Finfal to live.

I am pleased to hear of
Indigo Hervill again. I
have often wondered if your
Rules for your Pleasant were
in collection together, and
when I was writing I did not
think to inquire after him.

I found something for Mrs
Dan. Two of mine have been
many a time there — in our
time in an Closet of mine
with letters in it.

Is we are now writing this
letter

Some of our own good
Bloqueles and read them till
Foreign accidently from Sure
Cool of their Precious melody
and their lovely sweet delight,
and I wonder that I had
noticed this before. In course
the occurrence of the word
in my time would be enough
to move my accent, but I did
not leave more, and now I have

Springfield Mass. 21, 1894

My dear Mr. Deane,

You will see by the enclosed that I write to Dr. Norris and I hasten to comply with his wish. The letter came this afternoon. You will see that you can this week be thirteen years, eight of which are as you supposed it, and it is quite in his favor to be only 65 instead of nearly 70. He wrote to me last fall about the Eliot's circular and in the letter he told me

I send word will have equally useful, for instructing people about the flowers than the prime [illegible] & find in an open letter to the year. This is getting new in it to me & would not be to you. But it is the thought in reading, reading, means taking root in the world - [illegible] - the month more and I shall be beginning my lectures with me financial results here.

Very with kind regards,

Yours truly

F. Cutler.

The enclosure to be returned.

about his work at Columbia College, the excursions that he made into the country over week-ends. He talked of Thoreau and Emerson and the Concord, saying "some of them did talk down on me." [illegible] Dwight Yale the [illegible].

I wrote to a friend of mine Mrs. Wolcott, in Fort Wolcott, Illinois, about that little Pigmy-Daisy, and was quite surprised to find that the flower of one 1/4 in. across. Is there is one as small as that, or are we [illegible] Dwight? He was inclined to think however that the drawing or was in October. Have we more than one Linnaea.

I have a nice little [illegible] on my table — "Dale's Wild Flowers in the Order of their Succession in the Fields" by Olivia Pom. Stone. Ever read book "How to know the Wild Flower" [illegible] Dwight telling it [illegible], amused little who so loved the Creation & dearly love the flowers — want to know their names, but who don't know how to use a scientific manual. His

HAWK TREE FARM,

RAILROAD STATION AND ADDRESS,

READVILLE, MASS

Berkshire Swine, Small Yorkshire Swine

Holstein Cattle, Dairy Products.

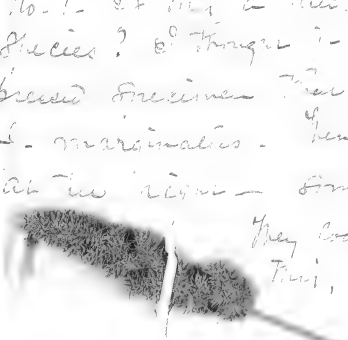
Springfield Mass, 17. 1894

My dear Mr. Deane,

I know that our dear friend — Mr. Prince is gone, — and I hitherto had not heard the day after his death. This must have been, of course, for it seems as if a good deal had gone out of my life with him, although I so seldom heard from him. I always found that he would do & enjoy anything, — "the kindly island" as he so well called it in that letter & one from Florence; there are a good many little pools & little runs of water too, that he had not seen, & they were very promising little streets & threads of water too. I am glad you have one

two of these, but I shall have one, and I will manage for you if I see it.

No. 1. Is this a Nais? and what species? I think it looks like a broad specimen that I have of L. marginalis. Are the two heads at the right some larva?



They look some like this, but I cannot detect, even with a microscope these setaceous tracts in the photograph, and I think I know another larva with much smaller head that the picture is more like. I can't know the name of either, though I have studied them a lot. No. 2. Two kinds of larvae and No. 3. perhaps three kinds. The only way of identifying them at this season of the year would be by the help of herbaria

know of his sad condition in Florida, and that I had the privilege of doing a little to cheer him up that time. I write a second time, for I think the letter could not have reached the Capital till after he had left it, and if it followed him to Boston it reached there too late for him to read it. I do not know anything of interest about his journey from the South, and his last days, I shall be glad to hear it.

I do I ever have an opportunity I will ask Mrs. Prescott for some of the small Symphaea, but she is a woman with her hands full of business always, frequently star from home at the South, the far west or on the Pacific coast. She has in answered my last letter yet & never will I am sure, for I believe no ill-will against her on her part. The trade & trust article was too far back, but perhaps I will look it up for time.

I send you one more of Mr. Whitney's photographs for you & take one on the minutes, the last he had a chance from for it. He does not ask out of idle curiosity, but he has a plan of making a little work with Dana, still for which I will be descriptive. This is not for publication, & the description will be type-written not printed. It is one of the many such things which he is always getting up and illustrating by photography. Perhaps he will make one

These sheets, I know are so much clearer than the others. I am in my proper, true way; Mr. H. said I was always a reliable one & sure with the names. The colours on the back of the sheet are much. My photographs with the weights on it is a real puzzle — don't seem to induce amount of time on it.

"And the Quest of Dr. H." Mind it is a Hardy; I like the book one best, but the Flora may be easier & pronounce warm. Can I be a Trust-clover — Lespedeza? Is Hirta or is Capitata? Of Mints I know at all. Do you call Fetter-and-egg a Mint? Mr. H. does. Does Linaria vulgaris have such a trouble in adolescence?

Is it a Desmodium plainum, — perhaps Dillenii or Canescens? Yet I do not suggest the species with any confidence.

Is an Allium. A. vineale? Perhaps a western species that does not extend to our region. And finally, I return the Dandelion with the Fire's Comments. Oh, Fiona, if he ~~Fiona~~ didn't quite understand what I meant by "escaped from Cultivation" although I added that it was often found in the roadside and in places where your no House was to be seen. I still think it is Taraxacum Dens-leonis, but I am surprised to learn it is so thoroughly established on the Lands of the Faculty. I have always seen it in dry places, but perhaps it is an amphibious thing in its native habitat. Do you

Is any cause for changing your mind about it?

I shall value your opinion about this new set of interrogations very much, and hope that it will be left in your possession until you can name them each; if it is convenient I shall have to wait till the spring opens. Come along & then compare the living specimens with the pictures. I find on the identification of Eleocharis from a Californian paper.

The meeting of our Botanical Club have begun; we saw & review the grasses and Cyperaceae of our region very thoroughly this season, but of course we do not neglect anything new that comes in our way. I think I told a large patch of a Lycoridium mucronatum last week, never reported within the limits of Springfield before. But I have surely written enough for one time, so I will close with kind regards to your wife as well as yourself. Yours very truly Marion L. Owen.

Specimens, and I will find them in my small set. The two species that come in our local lists in the Flora of Ind. Ter.

10-4. Can the [illegible] of the [illegible]? of the Flora Texana be set in the list of our flora of this region, in natural [illegible], still [illegible] in Cultivated, but I found it [illegible] in Ce. [illegible] & [illegible] some ~~Texas~~ [illegible] species, [illegible] Ce. [illegible] for instance, or are it [illegible]. For I have no guess, or for the two H's. I [illegible] the enlargement often seen in the stems of a certain goldenrod, caused by an insect. But this slender, leafless stalk has no resemblance to a goldenrod. I send two of

[illegible] (our tot. society)

[illegible]

Springfield, May 26-1874-

My dear [illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible]

June 1- I resume my letter & say that I could not find the Camp named above; they had been moving as I feared. I grow more & more doubtful about my

Sessile or its whiteness, and when I [illegible] in July I could see it [illegible]
[illegible]. Now is it an abnormal
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]?
or a [illegible] or intermedium?
And if the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible].

Having [illegible] abnormal [illegible],
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] grandiflorum, although the flowers
are hardly a fifth of the size
of the blooms of that handsome
species. The petals were green &
[illegible] through with a white stripe
through the middle; one petal in
[illegible] is ~~[illegible]~~ two [illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] is the
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] between the normal [illegible]
of three leaves. The flower [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] that it was [illegible]
[illegible], for they [illegible]
[illegible] green [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
then [illegible] three abnormal [illegible],
[illegible] two of them together, the
~~the~~ third [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
of the flower, and [illegible] a [illegible]
with the sepals & petals. In this flower
there were only two stamens and one of
the stamens was abortive. I call the
odd thing grandiflorum because the
normal whorl of leaves looks exactly like
the three leaves of [illegible] & the flower

Lepidium. I have just opened the package, & put in another specimen collected a mile or two from Forest Park where the others grew; you will know it by its being rootless. It broke in my hand as I was trying to pull it up, while the Park specimens were very tough. I noticed too that this had not the rosette of leaves at the base of the stalk which the Park specimens had, but these differences may be unimportant.

I agree with you about having a list of the plants to help us in naming Mr. Hine's photographs, and perhaps I will

speak, or if I should ever have a chance. He is a young man of about my son's age, and Walter hopes to bring him up to Springfield some time, on one of his own short business trips; but Mr. Howe is a business man too, & has not yet been able to get away at Walter's time. My son has known him for years, but I have not seen him yet. So will manage for you to see my book when it gets in, — I know it will be nice.

Yours very truly

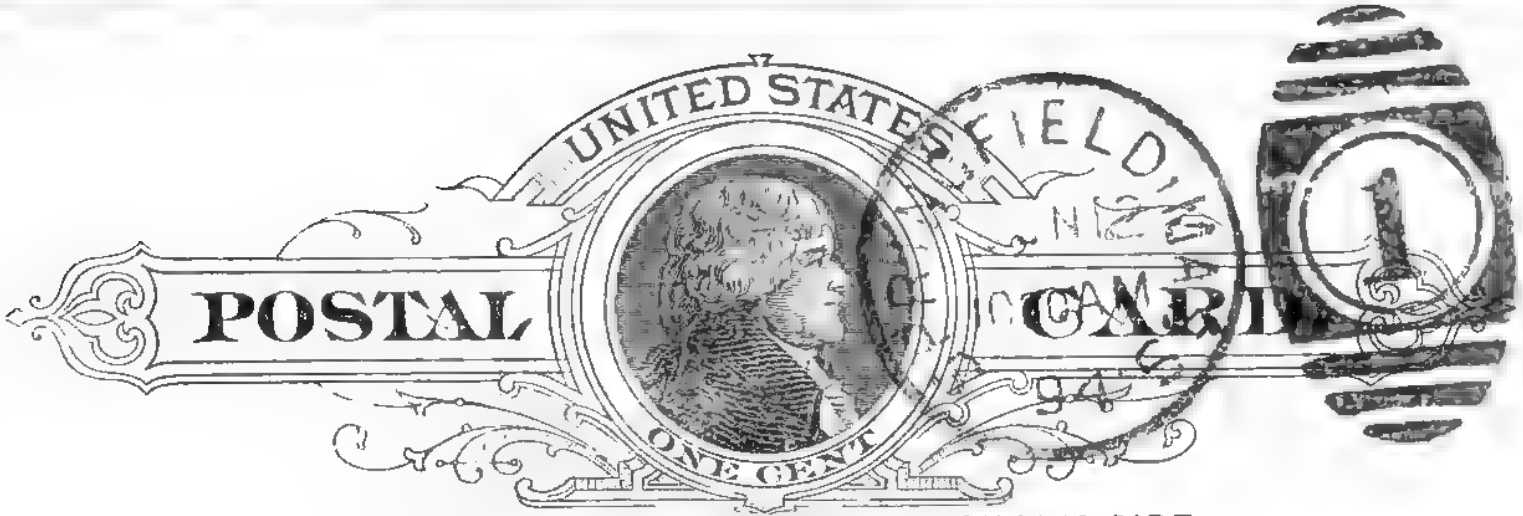
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, June 12-1874

Dear Mr. Deane,

I shall send you today Lepidiums from the same localities as before, and they are about two miles apart. I could not easily get the roots of the firm set, they grew in such stiff clay, but I don't suppose you care, and where the plants were very large I took only branches of the mature est pods – only one from each plant.

How shall I direct to The Gazette? I don't take it: If you think the Trillium story would interest its readers I am willing enough to send it. M. L. O.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge Mass.

are beautiful while all are interesting. The notes about color and other characters are fuller than the previous ones and so more helpful.

I spent part of a hot day a week ago, looking through a collection of hepaticae that I have had about twenty years. As this family, or sub-class as I ought to say, is included in the new manual, I thought I would see what material I had for study. I was much pleased with what I found. The collection came to me at the death of my old friend John L. Russell, and perhaps half of the specimens were collected by him; the rest by Prof. Edward Tuckerman, Mr. T. Sullivant, Oakes, T. G. Lea + T. D. Greene, and a few others less known. The collection is small, only 24 genera represented, but it would give a student a fine start, and I only wish I had

383 Union Street.

Springfield, July 19, 1874

My dear Mr. Deane

I wrote to the Gazette about that Trillium and had a postal card today saying that the article would be published as soon as possible. It was Trillium cernuum I was satisfied after I told you about it.

How much work you have done on your herb. since October! 2234 sheets would make quite a nice little herb. by themselves. Have you room on a sheet for Bot. matricaria chamomilla from Springfield? I have two nice specimens that I have been saving for you a long time. They are about ten inches high and have good roots.

You wanted to know what Mr. Hine, the photographer called a plant that you decided was Oenothera biennis; he called it just the same, — it was in fruit only, as you may remember. It was in a group of six plants; 1 & 3 this Oenothera, 2, Amphicarpaea climbing up a weed, (blackberry stalk, Mr. Hine said,) 4, Asclepias, 5, Allium Canadense, and X Moth Mullein. I am trying to recall it to your memory on account of the Allium Canadense, because Mr. Hine has something to say about it; I will enclose his letter which you need not return. And I may as well let you see the picture again, for that Allium may have some enemy that eats into the head and, stopping its development, causes it to dry & look like a gall or something of that sort. I should like to know what you think about it. Mr. Hine writes as if the names came from me alone, but he knew who my helpers were, and I had told him how eminently qualified you & Dr. Robinson & Prof. Bailey were to pronounce upon the pictures. When I replied to the enclosed I said that you all might have been mistaken about the Allium (so-called) but he could be sure the Sedges were all right — there was no appeal from Prof. Bailey about those, he was the Supreme Court of the U. S. in his own person for such cases.

Mr. Hine sent me some more prints taken this year, and if you want to see them and pronounce upon my names, I will send them to you. I think they are rather easier than the last set, and some of them

time & take hold of it. Mr. Russell valued Oakes's contributions very highly and wrote his name with special emphasis and distinction. Sometimes it was OAKES and if not so it was Oakes. Then there was usually this little (abbreviated) Cl: — "Cl: W. OAKES". What does it mean? Big Latin, I imagine, for the remarks added & the names of the specimens were usually in Latin. Was Oakes a clergyman?

I hope you are where it is cool and comfortable; I am going & try & get away with my daughter soon for a little trip in Vermont, but you can direct here

as usual.

The little girl who found the Williams wrote to me that she looked for variations in Houstonia Caerulea last Spring and found a great many with more than the four normal divisions of the Corolla, — one had eighteen, and her father found one with nine. She sent at the same time a box of Rudbeckia hirta, about 40 specimens, and every one a monstrosity. Many had tubular ray flowers, some had rays growing out of the disk anywhere, and so on — each a study. But it is high time for me to say Good night which I do this minute. Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Pittsford Mills, Vt.
July 30- '894

My dear Mr. Deane,

It seems quite curious — not that you should be related to Mr. B. D. Greene, but that the fact should come out from my work in the Re-[illegible] this hot Sunday. Mr. Russell gave me all his ferns by his will, and amongst them were several collected by Mr. Greene, in France if I recollect; I put them all into our little Bot. Society Herbarium.

My daughter and I are spending a week in this quiet country place; we see the Green Mountains all round us and a branch of Otter Creek flows by only a few rods from our front door. We are very comfortable in the farmhouse where we are boarding, but all is very

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pictures, — he is too amiable and sensible for that. I am not fully informed as to what he means to do with the pictures; he modifies his plan I think as he goes on, but whatever it turns out in the end you shall be sure to see it.

I shall be glad if Dr. Robinson finds the Lepidiums of any use; when he has decided on the species all that I want is a specimen of each with his label, that I may put them into our Society Herbarium with the authority of his name.

The Botrychiums are at home — will send them after vacation when you are back in Cambridge.

My last words are for you not to spend much time over these pictures, except

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that I add for the latest of all, kind regards to you and your wife who has I hope long been in her usual good health.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

different from the place in which your fortunate lines have fallen.

I think I will send the last set of these prints now, because I have more time to write about them than I shall have after I get home; if you mean to make any critical determination about them with the help of your herbarium you will have to put them down in the bottom of your trunk out of the way till I have time to them. I know your thoroughness and that you would hardly feel satisfied with a good guess, and yet that is all I want of you.

Mr. Hine is running now to picturesque groups and consequently the component parts grow smaller in his pictures, — too small to spend time upon, but he does not expect the name of every little thing that he puts in — only of the principal ones.

I wrote to him yesterday and asked if his pictures when proved printed and pinned (these are only proofs) are for use in identifying flowers or merely for beauty. I told the former & told him they ought to be on a larger scale, — that in many cases with the rich flower in hand, it would take the trained eye of a botanist to see that it was identical with the print.

I told him two of a very easy way of keeping little bits of his plants after he had photographed them, to send alone with a set — if he does send any more. It would be as much out of the question for him to press and label each specimen in proper botanical style as for me to use his camera, but he will heed what I said, and he certainly does not want undue time spent over his

Solanum Dulcamara

Not even a guess for the labiate; it is too small for anybody to wonder.

15. Carex lunida

16. Desmodium paniculatum?

The names in this are as they appear in ed. 5 of the Manual, the only one I have with me.

I am not always sure of the name when I have omitted the interrogation point, still have a good deal of confidence in my decision.

1. Delphinium Consolida
Anthoxanthum odoratum.

2. D. Consolida
Lonicera sempervirens

There is one of these honeysuckles at the door here, and it compares very well with this picture; the barren shoots do not show the connate upper leaves of the flowering shoots.

I cannot guess what plant it is twining round; but it isn't worth while to bother over a flowerless thing, or grasses as obscure as those in this print, or the little bit of a flower I have marked X

3. D. Consolida
Phleum pratense
Lonicera sempervirens twining round
Rosa Carolina.

4. Rumex — obtusifolius?

5. Lepidium — species not important

6. Carex — I send a specimen collected here which looks to me like the print — vulpinoidea?

7. 1. Erigeron strigosum.
2. This looks like no Solidago that I can call to mind; — has more the aspect of an Erigeron. I wonder how E. annuum with its toothed leaves would look before it was budded.
Poa pratensis? not important.

8. Dactylis glomerata.

9. Desmodium acuminatum?
Poa pratensis?

10. Allium ——
Panicum latifolium?

11. Scirpus subterminalis?
Carex lurida

12. Lysimachia stricta
The tumer looks like Calystegia sepium at the very top, and I see but two other leaves on its stalk — have marked them X. Perhaps it is one of the twining Polygonums. Name not important.
I think the grass has the aspect of Holcus lanatus.

13. 1. Verbena urticifolia
2. Silene stellata?
3. Marrubium vulgare.

(over)

Springfield, Mass. Aug. 10. 1874.

My dear Mr. Deane,

Sometime when you are writing to me, please tell me what this pretty little thing which I enclose is. It looks to me more like a Azolla than anything else, but what business has Azolla in our waters? The opinion, however, about Cryptogams above the ferns, is hardly worth mentioning, I know so little of them, but I am going to get an instrument tomorrow if I have time, that is more powerful than my dissecting microscope, and see if I can find any fruit.

I came home from Vermont last Monday, — didn't find a single new plant while I was away, but I did get up to the rich alpine regions.

I hope you are having a nice time.

Yours very truly Marion L. Dean.

about, I always arranged our Calendars myself and embellished them as I pleased, and the quotations this year show what I have much at heart always, — the improvement of this world which is still a sorrowful abode for too many of its people.

My little book I make a nice cover for the botanical specimen, and will protect it well I think from the stamping that it must have as it was away to you.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

383 Union Street.

Springfield Aug. 14. 1874.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged for the little "innundatum"; I mean to look for it here, we have sand enough & bogs, and I dare say the two combined. I have known the variety in Nantucket from my very childhood.

I kept my little cryptogam awhile & then pressed it; I will enclose a sheet & show you how it came out. I found it in a lotus pond in the Park, — it was abundant enough there, but I never saw it anywhere else. I showed it in its fresh state as our botanical

Society and our Mr. Stetson said that we saw it in a bond at the other end of the town, filled up now, thirty years ago, - I had never seen it lined. I got the microscope that I mentioned, but could not see any pits. The plants look a good deal like the picture of Azolla in the Manual, but I have not the rootlets shown there and mentioned in the description.

You did not send me your paper on Dr. Morong, and I want to see it very much. You knew him well and could write appreciatingly of him. Good man! I am glad I remember the two weeks that I spent in the same house with him in Nantucket. He was called to bear great suffering, but not what Prof. Bailey has been through. This of his seems the most terrible I ever heard of. I hope he is not going to lose his eyesight, and that he will soon be well again.

I had a very pleasant time in Vermont, and as you surmised, rest is always acceptable to me. I thought that when I resigned the presidency of the Sp. Women's Club I should have much leisure, but no signs of it yet. I was president for ten years, that is, from the beginning till the last annual meeting in May. I will send you the calendar for the coming year. The quotations with which it is embellished are all that you will care

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[illegible]

[illegible] I will send

[illegible]

One of the members of our [illegible]

[illegible] reply [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], that you may [illegible] the [illegible].

Is it worth while [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? And could it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — better grace than [illegible] [illegible]? Has my article on [illegible] [illegible] come out in the Gazette yet?

[illegible] Reskin [illegible] me the new "[illegible] [illegible] Desert" [illegible] [illegible] — I find it [illegible] interesting — [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] grown to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] floating [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I brought [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & bring them in [illegible], but I cannot [illegible] anything of the [illegible] in them. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them

[illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that it is [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that time; [illegible]

[illegible] things, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] we are right" or, as the [illegible], "it cannot [illegible] and [illegible] we will have to try again"; I never take it very kindly, — I have a strong [illegible] feeling for these [illegible].

[illegible] my [illegible] Oct. 83. [illegible] strength & [illegible] for the coming year.

Yours very truly

[illegible] de Vere.

Springfield, Sept. 2 - 1894

My dear Mr. Clark,

The last week has brought me three very interesting plants, — Pilaea above all. He's there very followed by a plant from the Pine-Land per a "name" I will enclose it and see if you agree with me in calling it Crepis tomentosa. Then I heard of an odd thing in the Park, and went & find it yesterday, — I brought that home & call it Picris hieracioides; its little seeds are running enough. I thought that the lairs looked fine looked sometimes, but I sure miss you there.

I heard at the last meeting of the

P.S. I was going to send the Poetry-Bearing Tree but I find there is a wooden if & have already a fine specimen.

The "Ah-Too" that the Pittsfield Scabious was Scabiosa australis, and that somebody had written about it twice for the "Boston Journal of Popular Science and ——— Science" — one word of the title forgotten by me unfortunately. One article in the year 1892, the other in 1893 both to be found by the index. I'll walk it up soon.

Mrs. Robinson has not told me yet the [illegible] of the [illegible], but I have asked her for it. Perhaps the Oryzopsis gama is a foreigner and came in with the lotus roots which were doubtless imported; if a native I should think some of those A.A.A.S. botanists would have known it. I don't see why they didn't send me a sheet or two of the Gazette containing my article — I thought that was the custom.

Yours in great haste W. L. Owen.

Springfield Sept. 8 - 1894.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have just received this from Mrs. Robinson. Does it look anything like the specimen in wool? Has Mr Deane ever a plant like this from Ithaca? If does it answer the description. Looks like one of the Birch family and I believe it is a minute specimen of Betula nubra (L) Dumort. I don't want to dissect this under the glass & spoil it, but if I knew how to do it, I think the seed would tell the story in two minutes. — Look at that reflexed seed-vessel! Is there Ithaca in Michigan?

a series of surprises & all connected with it. Please return the Freemen and tell me your opinion as soon as convenient and then I will write to Mrs. P.

Yours very truly
and in <u>such</u> haste
Mark Twain

P.S. Was the girl in wool idea?!!

Nothing is to be taken for granted from that quarter!

This is the Fern and
cones & show the character.
Finest Specimens in Brid-
dam with branches two feet
or more in length, spreading all
round from the base. The middle
seemed to have been cut out, but
there was a large plant left
with these branches rising 18' or
more from the ground - the cap

was taken from the lower part
of a flowering stem – I see
a number, all just alike.

M. C.

it name. Two days after our friend Mr. J. H. Blodgett, visiting in Philadelphia, came upon it and carried home to Philadelphia. There in his garden was it observed by the Cabinet Australis. Since then it has been sent from Brooklyn to Boston, to some days in Massachusetts and to Philadelphia, so that it may be a true native. All this happened last year. It is reported in the "Proceedings of the Academy," but the lady, unknown to me, has lost the plant & we of the members of our Mr. A. C. Stone's upon and long for the harvest in five years ago.

I am decidedly of the opinion that Miss Ellinwood's species should be named for specimens, but I fear that I can't get them. I mean to give you the pillion in color with our work, and I think it was good in you & and in me, but since I have to again I am much disposed to hold on to

383 Union Street.

Springfield Oct. 11, 1874

The dear Mr. Farlow,

I have tried to show all flowers & leaves that I find time. There is nothing. Miss Ellinwood did not take one of the work. Her one and her hackmatack are alive, although the field of mighty mention is in those war of and the Pirate show her discovery.

I have not thought much about giving our a supplement to the Cat. Catalogue, but I think I might have one hundred names at least, because it is only the true natures that are worth putting on record, and I doubt whether there

Would it be [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] discoveries — we have if
they are flowering shrubs, — I think —
the seeds of some [illegible] than
the flower in a [illegible].

I (?) [illegible] I have [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a flower, and the bulb from
the [illegible] the flower and dried it for
[illegible] friendly. How many bulbs do
[illegible] you? Your bulbs are [illegible] of the
more than one blooms. There is still
one in the garden, this is [illegible]
[illegible] would not cover it. — I
[illegible] two [illegible] down in the main
walk. [illegible] will probably be more
more [illegible] on the [illegible] way
[illegible] abundantly, but I shall not
expect it till [illegible] in bloom, for it
must be a biennial, or biennial at
least, judging from its size, and its tiny
hold of the ground.

I [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] I called
[illegible] — [illegible] I have [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible]? I [illegible] you all
a [illegible], so I cannot carried my [illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible] to go to
[illegible] [illegible].

I heard [illegible] from a relative of
Mr. Darwin's [illegible] to have the
little [illegible] in the other bed
for two years and [illegible] in full in
[illegible] with the [illegible] of this [illegible]
[illegible] he knows its name — I am
looking to Mr. Underwood for [illegible]. I will
send you a little dried specimen [illegible]
[illegible] me I can leave.

I have not a French story about
Tom Sawyer. Dorian T. Allen [illegible]
[illegible] more know by reputation, if not
personally discovered it, [illegible] [illegible]

it till I get another. As you offer to verify the little bird, I will return it for the purpose. I have never "seen" the one we & it means lacey, & I have never seen it — the cunning little thing. The green tipped petals were the delight of my earliest childhood — I feel sure that Mr. R.'s claim is true, although in favorable circumstances it will spread out its branches several inches from the centre.

I wish your opinion on one more of Mr. Hine's pictures. Three of our most botanical friends tell me that the plant in the middle is an abnormal growth of Solidago nicolor. But they do not convince me though I am not prepared with any other name myself. Then too that this species of goldenrod is apt to develop its clusters of flowers into quite long branches, and I admit that I have seen specimens with a few, — say four or five branches of considerable length, but never one with anything like this number. Besides Mr. Hine says a specimen which

I will be
I will enclose, and we're in a little hole
I have S. Trider. How children the
Trail leaves me, and the Stairs! In
Mr. Hine's Position I remained I
Claim Pen, — in mind a round and drawing
me.

I have been to Green Lake,
Yes I have not written to Mrs. S.
Even I Pen's Pen for the Divisa!
But I shall soon be more at leisure.
Hummock Pond is a great long one,
as you may remember, but I shall ask
for directions in finding the new Pen
[illegible] I shall be
glad to avail the first time I am
in the island at the right Farm.

Yours very truly

William L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 1, 1874.

My dear Mr. Lowe,

I enclose a few lines for a specific name. I see they have three species among the oldest plants of New York & Philadelphia, and this may serve me for them. There is P. hieracioides, which we have in our Park, and P. echioides, and P. hispida, all of which grow & send you from freeman in the first this afternoon and the various labels there for would, but I found this not three hours ago, so I will wait till I can add the new one to the package. The most marked difference of the two species that we have is in the involucre — in this latter one double, and the five outer scales large and foliaceous, but the whole aspect

of the two species is quite different. This new one is "furnished" pretty liberally with fine short shiny hairs in addition to the shorter barbed bristles. You will have to send me the name before I can make out the label, for I have no means of identifying it myself. It grew three miles or more from the other Pieris and looked quite at home on the grassy bank in private ground where I detected it.

I am pleased to find that our little aquatic is a native of the U.S. It is not quite at home with us as it shows by not fruiting and by being "slender" as Mr Underwood says, but it is a beauty with its neat, clean, little green rosettes all over the pond.

I received your notice of Dr. Morong and read it with pleasure and sad regret both. It is very good, - so good and appreciative that I wished there was more of it. I am very much obliged for the little book.

Yours very truly Maria L. Ames

Dr. Morse.

Dr. Nellie F. Crapin
675 State St.
Springfield

Mr. Mr. Baldwin
107 Thompson St
Springfield.

Mrs. E. M. Cam

I have rather an idea that you might find one of the Farmers Institutes interesting. Dr. Morse & Miss Lee in Pomology for one more and you be interested in the Dialogue, but it's about time for the train, so I am so the end is announced with Mrs. Wallace Parker's Monologue. I'm sorry I couldn't be present with the attention you give, but don't send to Mrs. Parker which you can well leave the Pots. as I can send her mine.

Now the Pears again, no new one. I wonder if you noticed the difference of the inner-tissued scales — anyway I should call them perhaps. You could see the

383 Union Street.

Springfield Dec. 8 1894.

My dear Mrs. Deane,

I shall send with this a little talk I am going of a few Plants, and I will enclose labels for the Geranium specimen. If you prefer you might display a duplicate of the Grow Plan. I send two labels for each species, Perhaps I ought to use their own labels there. The specimen of Pechiodes you can keep yourself, and the piece in the envelope will make up another for the Mrs. Martin, good enough I know in as Dr. Morse used to say. I haven't much of Pechiodes but a plenty of the other species.

After all the pains that we took

There is very doubt I think the name of that fractious, overrating all the English writers, is the City Library, and nowhere else the image did we see blue, or found it we after the day, but by accident, described in the "Additions" of the first edition. I have but in a Balanarotis table and here, with a hundred in the place. Dr. Bateleider, who found it, and Dr. Elaine Tuni, it is E. Gravius, that. Much that is a great we could not. Other. See. of dark. Find and "Pleat, Sent, divergent-twined" lower, and the small five are two of the Rec, two from near the top head of "about in middle" of the stone. I should like your opinion. Then there is a Trucker-Sent for a name. Dr. Bateleider found it first in "Lancaster." Yet. Each Engels; it was growing field near a house. A week ago it was found there in a field for some fair-tation. From the Hibalt Burroughs and Dr. Tod Stair (we said) it used is mines in a Stata, of important Library made the find was that the of two, of the very, and, [illegible] the mine is not to not see Cost in Tuscan-Lidia; see it has one good deep angles Tuni.

The Dr. Matricariaflum is very that of all per-Van to long. The Stalt was much larger and after, but the have white disappeared, and of the Arcid of cost Tuni in the course of the "Ghost" to Cast Summer, not of Dr. of two. Tuni with me. The see two Tuni for me to do, in of and Tuni Tuni of Cast Tuni quite ordinary.

of Tuni: Tuni Dr. Elaine - Dr. Bateleider would not be pleased of have your biographical Tuni of

beauty when they were all pressed and dry; they were ringed and will dry on the scales, and I wonder what their use is to the plant. It would be interesting to see what insects visit it in its native country and what we owe to forward fertilization. I never saw the equal of the flower in elegance of outline, unless the Compositae. I will make you a little picture of it tomorrow if I can get hold of an artist, and have it the flower & draw from either.

Perhaps I am partial to my own discovery, but I do think any rate would admire the flower, — the plant is a weedy looking thing.

This morning (Tuesday) the

resolutions have reached me, all named. I am much obliged to you and Mr. Johnson. I wish I could find the other silver pieces now.

Dear Dr. Holmes is the continual background of my thoughts, and his death saddens every thing that I do. But if we stopped our daily routine for sorrow the whole world would come to a standstill. Hoping that all is well with you and yours

Yours very truly

Maria L. Baldwin

P.S. I do not have forgotten anything that I promised you. Please let me know. M. L. B.

383 Union Street.

Springfield October 15. 1897

My dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Patoridge is much pleased with your sketch of Dr. Moore and your kindness also in sending it! He wrote me a note of thanks for the part that he promised I need read in it, and I suppose he has written to you too.

I've thought more of his grace to the society last week, and though he was sure it was Calamagrostis, he didn't think it was Muhlenbergia, — I can't imagine why. Mr. Mr. called it Muhlenbergia the instant he saw it, from its whole aspect, and Mr. Mycomer I am almost always as sure of as Poa annua, for

instance — it grows in my own yard
even now. There must be a veil over
the Pt.'s eyes, or a film over his
mind, for he is a careful and conscie-
tious botanist, and would, accurate-
ly will that in one & same tree is
the cinnamon, the Laurel, the vine and
the flame tree of Cuba & Jamaica.

I will remember & avail myself,
as you advise in future, of Dr. Pickering.
I wonder why for the Academy
since let me know.

You could give your notice of
Dr. Watson, and I have seen of
Dr. Gray in the Green Building.

As the Great Bird, the under-
ever I will speak of the Pickering
that I called Dr. Concoidea —
I rather think it is Dr. Hicks,
and I don't believe I know con-
chidea at all.

— Yours very truly, Gill L. Owen.

Dear Sir,

I have the most enclosed blind till you for name; if not, take no notice about it. The kind who sent it said from it was the Cayoshul-ten that it seems to a tilter-ens genus church. The lower two pr-tion the picture, - it looked out a bit, but the said it was so, and for my question whether it is na-tive or foreign. You may have it back - I don't value it.

Yours &c. Jas. Jones

P.S. Pray the address of the editor of the "Gazette" of Madison & then send it into my address not, but it should still be forwarded again.

We can only pell our weather and lights gorgeous - we shall our most we never more brilliant. Yours very truly

Mark Twain.

383 Union Street.

Springfield Oct. 22. 1874

Dear Mr. Jones

I am much pleased for the pictures, and I was glad to find the Dr. Quinn was well known & well worn on both sides. Thanks and write as much as ever.

I find your name attached with mine for two more years, and these suffering, generally in the spring, time I am with very obnoxious & cause of the most lively & at least from Dr. Quinn's opinion about the Colorado, even if only - [illegible], so thanks.

The Giant Tree and Bell & Cuscum Guadance doesn't look like that to me; I can't for myself, to second Dr. Quinn's picture of "Lebale", and that is near enough for a picture on so small a scale.

[illegible] Dear Mrs. [illegible];
it was so good of you to come
down to see me yesterday
Very sad news of Bonnie-
land. The Museum & the rest
are dismantled, & the house
is to be left as it is, and Miss Pallant
wants us to go back to Bonnie.
I have also been to Mr. Martin Cable;
he is a very nice person & very
anxious to be of the Society.
I have written to Mr. Nicol, but in-
stead of a Town Council, it is a
Committee of Town Council & Mr.
Cockburn has promised to come
down & Mr. Sanderson & Mr.
Thomson will no doubt be there.
I have written Mr. Batchelder also
& he is very pleased, though he thinks
it is something rather uncommon
in the Town; — this house of his is no
more fit for it than Mr. Perry's house,
The Museum bulletin for June is
out & I will see if we can have it
[illegible], & will send it over
[illegible] Mr. Cockburn
[illegible] Mr. Sanderson
[illegible] Mr. Thomson
[illegible] Mr. Batchelder
[illegible] Mr. Perry's house
[illegible] Mr. Robinson has sent me another
Lillian and a Fred one this time — nice

Springfield
Dec. 24 - 1894

My dear Mr. Deane,

I had just mailed a little Christmas souvenir to you, and was about to begin this note when the pretty little calendar from you reached me. I send my thanks, and will take it into use a week from tomorrow.

I put up the ferns which I send you more than a week ago, and have been in a

which ever lived, and cannot tell now whether I wrote at the same time. If I did I have mislaid the letter or else I put it in with the ferns, but I can't believe that I did the latter, for I have a Puritan conscience and never so much as think of cheating our Uncle Sam. Well the ferns were those long-lost Botrychiums that I promised you last summer; they came to hand just in time to carry your Christmas greetings. I will send you a label, but if R. Br. is not the right authority, please, for my credit, destroy it quick, and I will send another. I have in the 6th ed. at hand, and you know the fern is not described in any previous one.

With all the good wishes of the season for yourself and wife

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

the summer every year with her husband and husband's niece; they are all botanists more or less and make out almost everything correctly, but when there are nice distinctions to be made they are not always right in their determinations. They call this P. Nuttallii, Torr. + Gray. but I don't feel sure myself. The specimen is poor and I had to steam + soak it off from the mounting paper, and I took some leaves in that process, but perhaps you can tell what it really is. Mrs. Southworth tells me that she has found twenty-six plants on Deer Isle not in the Mt. Desert Flora, lately out. Don't take any trouble about it, for I can get fresh specimens from her next ~~year~~ summer.

A Happy New Year to you.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

Springfield Jan. 3. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am indeed pleased with Lycopus sessilifolius for my catalogue. I find by the Manual that it has been raised to specific rank since I found it at Alsion Creek, N. J. the only station in the fifth edition. I saw that it was credited now with a wider range, and that you, by your discovery in Barnstable, had helped extend it. I am going to look for that Nantucket bog the first chance I have. I suppose I lost my N. J. specimens. I am glad that I have been to the pine barrens, for the longing that I had had for years

is over for the rest of my mortal life. To be sure, I never collected so many new things in three or four days any time else, but oh, the discomforts! — mosquitoes at the head of the list.

I sent an account of Illiaca to the Gazette months ago, even before you gave me Mr. Barnes's address for the second time. I received the usual notice that the article should be published at the earliest opportunity, and have heard no more, and perhaps never shall hear, as I do not take the magazine. I asked them if they would send me a few sheets containing the notice when printed, but they made no promise about that. If I can have that slight favor, I shall try the Torrey Bulletin when I have any more botanical news. Perhaps it was not very pretty in me, an honorary X member of the Torrey Club, not to send their item to that about the Trillium to their paper instead of the Gazette. I hope Mr. Williams will go to Nantucket again, & then find Schizaea pusilla. Always set your mark high. Should I have got Illiaca for my list, if I had its been every body to find it? Schizaea often grows in company with Drosera filiformis and we have that.

I enclose a Polygala from Deer Isle, Maine. The friend who gave it is a young woman who goes to D. I. for

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X No, — "corresponding" member. I have just referred to the secretary's notification of the Club's action.

Springfield Jan. 27. 1895.

383 Union Street.

My dear Mr. Sanford,

I am very much obliged to you for your admirable article "Ordinem" from my "Herbarium." I am a herbarium is a useful book of reference & very or discover some name that we have obtained by analysis of a plant in hand, but one like yours is concentrated delight to a botanist; it is like a ~~botanizing~~ tramp "Thorough bush thorough brier, over park, over pale," finding novelties at every step. I wonder at your ingenuity, — your inventiveness; your management of roots and of the dandelion head

I mean to look in my sick room & Elipsum — A. A. & S. meet here neighbors, and I have been discovering for a while you & to be over from Springfield in Than months. Well, we shall see. Very truly Maria S. Dana

will tell much make interesting reading

Mr. John Lewis Russell of Salem. I wonder if you have his; he died in '71 or '72 I should say. But for my own, I am quite inclined to try again & win such a distinguished place, I will at least look about and see who makes plain elderly women look the handsomest.

I am always glad to hear of Judge Churchill, but when you mentioned him in a late letter you were only going to see him the next day. I hope his Collections proved a pleasant and successful season.

(And Prof. Bailey — No return I hope of that disease; I fear that he lost the eye, however, that was operated on, didn't he?

I am glad to get the name of the grass. I found the flowers of a very curious structure in the analysis I made before sending. My friend who gave it to me can't recollect how he came by it; he certainly did not collect it herself on the coast of the Mediterranean or in Australia or Colorado. A Life of Rafinesque

an interesting example of your
smartness in that direction. I
shall bring this article before our
Botanical Society at the first meet-
ing of the next season — the eigh-
teenth I believe. I like such arti-
cles in a botanical magazine
and should be a subscriber to the
Bulletin or the Gazette at this
day if the ladies became so learn-
ed, — I filled up with articles for
microscopists — while popular or
instructive articles like this of yours
were very rare. I took the Bulletin
from the beginning for seventeen years;
have fifteen years bound; I have
taken the Gazette too, but irregularly.
Then our Society took both magazi-
nes, but they let them drop, I sup-
pose for the same reason that I did.
I think it showed a great lack of
politeness in the editors of the Gazette
not to send me the number containing
my trillium article, — it was impoli-
tic besides, for I might have found
the magazine more attractive than when
I dropped it. Such attentions certainly
tend to bring back a former subscriber.

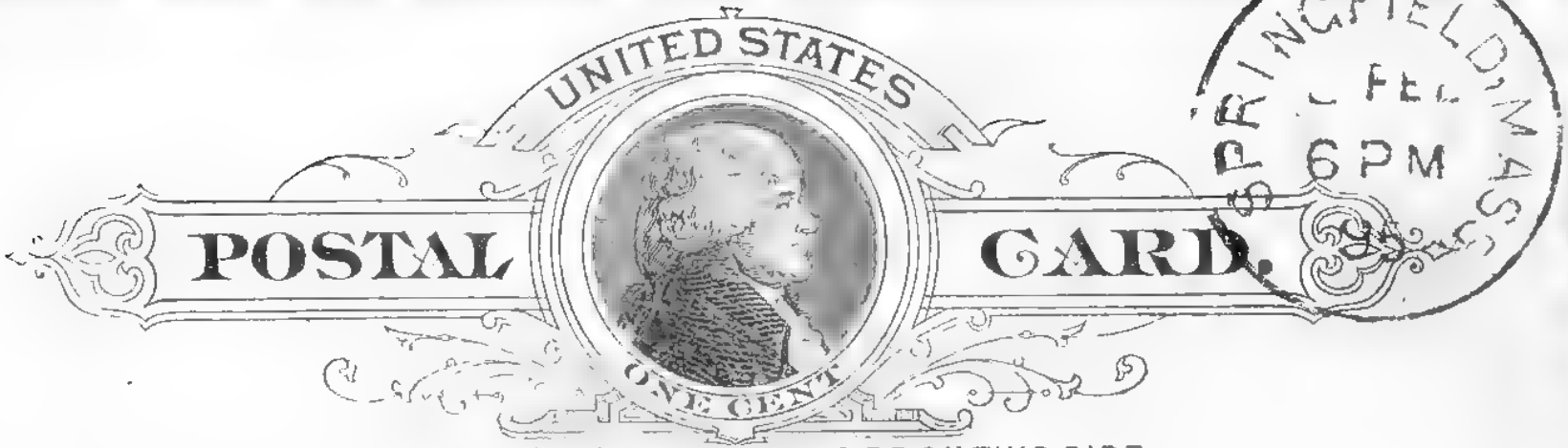
I feel complimented by your re-
quest for my photograph to be put
into your picture gallery of botanists,
but I don't believe there is a photo-
graph of me at any age in existence.
I sat for some twenty-five or thirty
years ago and when they came and had
been inspected, I promptly marched to
the kitchen stove and in its fiery
depths deposited them. I have never
been done, though of course I burnt up
three (or perhaps six) dollars. I like
other people's photographs very much,
and value highly the three of botanists that compose
my collection — Dr. Torrey, Dr. Gray and

Sp'd Feb. 2. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

As you have spare copies of your "Notes" you may send one, if you please, to Miss Emily S. Harrison 760 Oak St. San Francisco, California. I was pleased to see that the "Notes" had "I" added, giving promise of more good things. Those two errors I had already corrected. No one will say them to you. We all know you can spell "sheets" and "one", and shake our heads at the prop-reader

M.J.O.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

I have two children; my daughter whom you have met, will be away with me. My son lives in New York, but we see him quite often, and I hope he will make me a his flying visits while you are here. I shall really be more sorry to miss a visit from you and your wife than to lose the meetings, but when you have learned the way here perhaps you will come again.

With kind regards to both,

Yours very truly

Maria L. Dean.

Springfield, Mar. 29. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have lately received an article from the Bot. Gazette, on that dreary subject the proposed new nomenclature. I am glad to see that Dr. Robinson does not favor it, fully, and I wish he didn't at all, but I am much obliged to him for his attention, and to you too, for I know you gave him my name.

I have a request from the Gazette (two of them, as I paid no attention to the first) for prompt notification of errors occurring in my article! Prompt, indeed! when they waited six months

themselves before publishing it, and when they did, ~~they~~ paid no attention to my modest request for a few sheets containing the communication. I am used to quite different treatment from all the papers that I give little articles to occasionally.

Good bye, Gazette! Any botanical items that I may think worth publishing will in future go to the Torrey Bulletin which has always been civil to me.

You know Springfield is to have the pleasure and honor of the A.A.A.S. meeting this year, and if you attend I hope you and your wife will stop with us through the session, I shall not be at home myself, for I am going away in June, if nothing hinders, for a pleasure trip of some four months. This was planned before the meeting here was even thought of, and it would not be worth while to give up this journey for the sake of one week at home.

My family consists of my husband and my cousin, Miss Coffin; the latter, who has lived with me over twenty years, is a very pleasant lady and a competent housekeeper besides, and you will be well cared for if you come; she and my husband unite with me very cordially in the invitation. If you accept I will write again and tell you how to reach us.

Employed on botanical work at the Academy of Arts & Science (if I get the name right). This lady is going to get out a book on the midwinter flora of San Francisco. She has found 200 plants in flower in December and January, and I suppose those months comprise all the midwinter they have.

You will hear from me again before I go, but for the present I bid you Goodbye with kind regards to yourself & wife.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield Apr. 7. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am much pleased to hear that you and your wife will come to stand for A.A.A.S. week with us. I did not tell you where I was going myself, because there was the possibility, you know, that you could not accept my invitation, and in that case I meant to keep you in ignorance, and play my little joke on you a second time, — make you guess from a new set of flowers, where I had been. But I must tell now that I am going to Europe with my daughter, and shall stay till late in September.

I did not mean that the Gazette was intentionally uncivil, — that would have been very unjust in me; my view of the case was that it lacked manners,

and that is still my opinion, though after leaving from me that I had not seen the article, a copy of the Feb. number was despatched without delay, and I have sent the corrections as desired.

What did Dr. Murong call that Eleocharis that grows in the water and never flowers? E. acicularis? Last summer I tried to contrive a way to get some of it transplanted from the pond to our land to see what it would come to, but there were too many difficulties in the way.

I hoped think you would like to come the 28th, although they don't do much on the first day of the session, but organize, but you could find enough to do to occupy your time. My cousin will like to have you let her know when time you will be here — day and hour — a little in advance and she will be all ready to receive you. Address

Miss Emily C. Coffin
383 Union St.

If I were to be here I hoped plan to meet you at the cars but it would be of no use for Miss Coffin to try to pick out people whom she never saw, so she will have to let you find your way yourselves: — finding your way will consist in saying to the hack driver, "Dr. Owen's — 383 Union St.", then he "does the rest".

Miss Harrison of San Francisco sent her thanks through me for your Gazette articles. She was going to lend it to Miss Eastwood, a lady

Springfield May 13 1895

Dear Mr. Farlow,

I have been at work on your lovely Horn. Cattle, and have thought of you [illegible] — could it help it when I came to things you had given me. Then you write again, I should find a label for the hypodium inundatum you sent me from Jaffrey last summer.

I shall enclose specimens of a Polygala that we call P. verticillata, L. var. ambigua. Do you agree? "N. H. to Mo. and westward" says the Manual, but this grew in our Forest Park, — very scarce, however. And this wretched broken specimen from Miss Clarke, — is it Myriophyllum ceratophyllum? She collects it in Martha's Vineyard.

Picked the velvety or pressed form, which after [illegible] room; [illegible] Dew [illegible] Green [illegible] Spirit after it in Tins. May one [illegible] Above is [illegible] Tins. Mr. [illegible]

The violet No. 1, — we call it T. primulaefolia; it agrees well enough with the description of Pursh, but I could never satisfy myself that it was the same as Bigelow's T. lacuna — synonym unknown to Dr. Gray.

Thanks for return and of the enclosures.

Our herb. has some rubbish in it, mostly put in by one person, which I hope to clear out & replace in time, but on the other hand a good many very nice specimens that would be prized in any herbarium. They are valuable for their rarity, their completeness, or from being named by eminent botanists, and some have two, or even all three, of the merits.

Short stories in letter just now when I am up to my eyes in work.

I had a pleasant note from your wife some time ago. Please remember me to her and believe me

Yours very truly
Vitania L. Owen.

P.S. There is to be a bicentennial anniversary celebration in Nantucket in June, that I can't bear to think of, I am so sorry to be away at the time. It was bad enough to lose the week of the A.A.A.S. but this other disappointment is ten times worse.
M. L. O.

[illegible], May 20 '58

Dear [illegible] [illegible],

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sunday [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] End, for I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. She [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Till about [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the 27th, and the [illegible] in [illegible], the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], in [illegible].

Thank you for the names of my friends, — all [illegible] [illegible] own. [illegible] [illegible] inconsiderable space on the [illegible], [illegible] his "Peculiar" [illegible], being considered [illegible]", and as there [illegible] many [illegible] in the length of [illegible] [illegible] "through" the [illegible] might perhaps be a [illegible] of [illegible].

I thought I [illegible] having a delightful time by being away [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] a whole summer intervenes [illegible] [illegible]; the [illegible] [illegible] of the Convention to me would be meeting the [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and correspondence, and to [illegible] me so

[illegible]

We have called [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] Dr. [illegible]

[illegible] invitation [illegible] Com-
mittee and the Dr. is Chairman [illegible]
we talked it over [illegible]
[illegible] the Chairman [illegible] the Com. [illegible]
[illegible] asked me [illegible] inter-
esting & useful [illegible] for exhibition [illegible]
me in this hurried letter. Yours very truly
[illegible] Owen

Can you tell me if this Dicranum is pallescens? I should like to have it returned, for it is rare here, — pondy don't dry up every year, but the new Lake Days it is if you want it. Take off yourself Choose it from the Characters well, and you need it Sunny, — any time before June 12. will do. Some of our members know the genera of the mosses of our region pretty well, and can make out a new one, but don't always feel sure of the species. The Amherst Catalogue reports no D. pallescens, only falcatum and capillaceum

and I suppose the copious list was made out by Mr. Frost & Brattleboro' mostly, and he and Prof. Wellman were both very competent authorities in the matter.

Yr. C.C.

May 26 - 1895

Springfield, Oct. 8. 1895.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have been at home almost two weeks now, and am pretty well settled in my home ways, though I have yet caught up with my work entirely. I have two of your letters to answer and will begin with the first which reached me in Antwerp. That told of the meetings of the A.A.A.S. but I leave all the public entertainments to speak of Dr. Chapin's attending. I have yet seen him yet, but when I do I shall tell him how much pleased I was to have him do for you what my family could not, from not being botanists. I am glad he took you to the climbing fern locality, and when he took you in his canoe on the river, I hope he showed you over rarities there, Podems Beckii in the water, & Hemicarpha subquarrosa, Cyperus inflexus and C. erythrorhizos on the island that lies between the two mouths of the Agawam River where it runs into the Connecticut. Our Fuirena and some other rather uncommon sedges grow in another place and there was not time for everything. Perhaps they would not have been have to grow, any

more than Panicum filiforme & Eragrostis Purshii are to us.

I am glad you saw Mr. Hammond the florist; he is quite a distinguished man in certain ways, but I can't write his biography in a letter. I am much pleased to hear of the two Deaneas, and feel sure that you deserved the honor. Have you any of that Monadnock Solidago to spare? I should like a specimen for our herbarium under any name that you think proper to label it. For, var. monticola or var. Deanei or both. What did you want seedlings of the Coast plants for? To put into your flora, and thus make your specimens more complete? Or is there something about them that you wanted to study up?

The rest of the letter was about the good time that you and your wife were having but I assure you that my husband & cousin have not done telling me yet what a good time they had with their guests. I think you both gave us much pleasure as you received, and have certainly left a sweet memory in the house. I wanted to invite Mr. + Mrs. Dame also, and would have done so if I had been going to stay at home, but as they would have been strangers too, at the beginning, as you were, I

I thought I had better say nothing about that plan. I suppose you see Mr. Dane sometimes; we keep up no correspondence, but I am always glad to hear any news about him and his family.

I dare say you are quite right about the Alyssum in our lawn; I didn't notice the fruit that I wanted you to look at, when I collected the specimen, but if I ever have a chance again I will examine the growing plants & see what I can find. I turned thinking Mrs. Robinson would report her Silene dichotoma to me, if she wants credit for it. I guess I'll write to her sometime and see about it and what else she found in Nantucket. Last year as you will remember one Picris was found in Forest Park, and another species in Northington St. in this city; also Alyssum incanum, one plant, was found. They tell me at the Bot. Society that not one of the three has appeared this year. I thought both species of the former would be springing up from their winged seeds far & wide. I saw that Alyssum in abundance in the waste part of a cemetery in Tiel just out of Antwerp. That was in June the day of our arrival; but when we went back in September, I saw

the Azolla of which I shall enclose a specimen. I was walking through the Botanic Garden when I spied the plant in on the surface of the water in tubs where aquatics were growing, then some more in a very small artificial pond hardly larger than the tubs, it looked to me exactly like ours, and it covered the water in the same way but it was labelled Azolla gracilis – authority added I suppose, but I have forgotten that part. Last January I saw good specimens of the type of A. Caroliniana in the college greenhouse at Smith, and noticed the great difference between those plants and ours. Was the botanist who gave you the name of the latter a Cambridge man? Perhaps he will kindly look at it again in connection with the Antwerp specimens.

I collected nothing else for herbarium preservation except some Wall-rue in Traces. It was so large and luxuriant on the walls there, that it almost asked to be picked, but it was very hard to get plants with roots out of the deep crannies, even with the help of a knife. There was a marked difference in the frondy that I never observed in the small & scarce specimens that I have seen in this country; when they were sterile or slightly fruited the divisions were larger than in the fertile ones – a common habit of ferns in general, but I never had a chance

to observe it in this particular kind before.

I will enclose a letter that came to me last Monday. Please destroy when done with. I send it to ask ~~you~~ if you know of Mr. Eaton — if you can tell me something of him in a few lines it would please me. And what Aspidium does he mean? I suppose the abbreviation after the name is Dav. and that this is a new species which Mr. Davenport has named. I sent the Agoller and told him that either of the plants he named would be acceptable.

The Liparis that I left for you was leafless; I dare say you guessed the reason — that I did not want to hurt the plant by depriving it of its ~~lungs~~ breathers & digesters. The little delicate thing is ~~exactly~~ like the large, thick-petalled, gorgeous members of its family, in being (its flowers, I mean) so persistent, not wilting for so long. If I had it been impatient those two buds at the top might have opened ~~too~~ too. How much ~~larger~~ taller would the racemes have grown if the plant had lived longer!

It was a beauty, but I think an skilful gardener could raise plants just like it.

Your wife told our cousin one day something about her family, — that her father was an Episcopalian minister who preached in South Boston, and that the Hersell knew my cousin Mrs. Lucy Bartlett and her family. She did not mention her father's name but when I heard so much I wondered if he was the Mr. Clinch whom the Jenks family, one and all, esteemed so highly. If so, the Mrs. Bond whom I spent a pleasant half-hour with some twenty years ago, — more or less — must be her sister.

My husband & cousin both send their regards, and as for me I am so envious of the good time they had when you were here, that I say you must come again some time and make <u>me</u> a visit

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Should you think I would be ashamed of this paper? Well, I am!

all three sheets?

M. L. O.

Springfield, Oct. 31. 1875.

Dear Mr. Dean,

Mr. Eaton claims and we any his "illacia"! I have had a quiet little giggle over his name everytime I have thought of it since I heard the news. But he has zeal if not knowledge, and the latter will come with years, for I fancy he is quite a young man. And who being made similar mistakes at some time or other? My first recollection of Elatine is in 1848 when I was still using Torrey's "Flora of Boston"; I knew it then as Crypta minima, Nutt. How I wished the Linnaean

Stylidium Thus, I have seen the new Genus Phoebanthus (Gray's Manuscript) in use.

Thanks to your time and have received your kind appreciation for my Bigelow. M. L. D.

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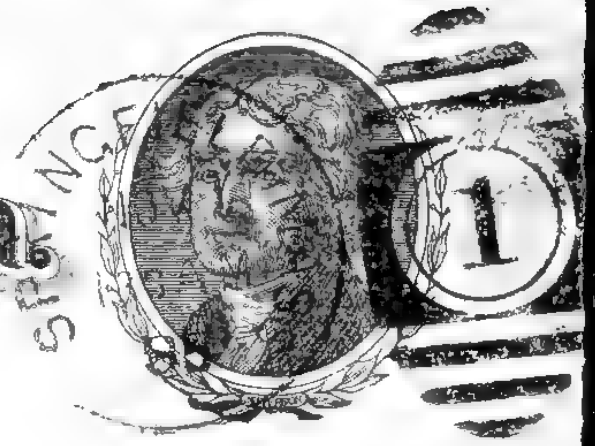

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Mr. Walter Deane

9 Webster St.

Cambridge Mass.

I will send you two Crucifers for a name — wretched specimens. If you know them at a glance please tell me what you call them, if you do not, throw them away at once, for they are too poor to work over. They were brought in to the Society some time in October, and were found on some dumping ground or amongst roadside weeds. The finders will remember the locality, and if we know the names we shall put them into our list of Springfield plants, but we don't wanted to give anybody five minutes' trouble about them. I thought one — the narrow-leaved one, which has immature pods on it — might be Erysimum cheiranthoides; the other didn't seem to agree with anything in the Manual. About the other I should say that I cannot perceive any two or three-parted hairs in the scant pubescence.

I see you have abundant botanical work laid out for the winter, but you will find it so pleasant that it will not bear hard upon you.

Springfield, Nov. 17. 1895.

Dear Mr. Deane,

What a pity that Mr. Eaton didn't appreciate his Tillaea enough to keep it! But we can't feel very sure that it was Tillaea after his sending you Elatine. I hope he will collect more next season whatever it was. He sent me some Isoetes Eatoni, living plants and pressed specimens.

I had a letter from Mr. Deane the eleventh day after his accident, and he told me in it about his happy summer in Nantucket, and his observations on the burnt district, for a dreadful fire went round the island from the South Shore by way of Tom Nevers Head to Gibbs's Swamp, the fall before. He gave me two names of

five plants not in the Catalogue. Physalis Peruviana, Nees, Populus tremuloides, Michx. Viola crenulaefolia, L. Mikania scandens, L. and Epilobium angustifolium, L. This last had been reported before but the others were all new to me, and I was much pleased with them. I always thought the Mikania ought to be found on the island, but had looked for it in vain. He found one white-blossomed plant of the Willowherb. The whole letter was so valuable as well as interesting that I fastened it into my copy of the Catalogue.

I am glad to hear that he is getting along well. I had not heard from him for about seven years before this.

I will send you a letter of Mr. Eaton's and part of another of Eaton's date, not to be returned. He thinks our Azolla closely resembles A. filiculoides, while I could see no difference between ours and that A. fragilis of the Antwerp Bot. Garden, either growing or pressed. I hope Dr. Underwood will examine it once more. I think Mr. Eaton's theory about propagation is plausible.

I have seen Dr. Chapin lately and he says he never had such good botanical times in his life as when he went out with you. He did not show you all of our rarities, but they grow far apart, and your time here was too short for you to be taken to all the localities. I asked about Panicum proliferum at a meeting of our Bot. Soc'y. The members present agreed that it was common enough for them not to think much of it when they happened to come across it; they had never looked upon it as rare.

Reading a number of the Bot. Gazette I saw your offer of Lemna Valdiviana to those who would ask for it. That was some time ago, but if you have any left I should like a specimen for our herbarium. No hurry about it; send with the Solidago when you get to it.

I enjoy my botanical correspondence as you do; — I enjoy other people's too, Sir J. E. Smith's for instance I find his life & letters very entertaining reading, and as fresh as if he and his friends were of our own day, and yet many of them passed on to a better world a full hundred years ago. But not the lively lady who edited the book — Sir J's widow who lived to be over a hundred.

Your wife has indeed a distinguished ancestry, — she can claim a place amongst the "Colonial Dames" or any other association of that sort, and perhaps she has already joined one. I have no "signer" amongst my forefathers, but I am eligible to the same societies on other grounds: Four Pilgrim fathers & mothers, and, back of them John Robinson, the

Leyden pastor, ministers and elders in Boston and Salem of the very earliest settlers, and a very near relationship to Benj. Franklin are some of the qualifications I proved put forth. I am content for the present, however, with being a Daughter of the Am. Revolution, I was in Paris the Fourth of July and had no way of celebrating but to wear my badge. There was a young Boston gentleman with us part of the time who always lifted his hat and saluted the flag wherever he saw it flying — a very proper thing I thought.

How funny Fliegende Blätter is! I enjoy the hit at the Botanists, for they deserved it if they could hit all Cicero's tails from palm trees.

Our family all send their best regards to you and your wife.

Yours very truly

Marion L. Owen

Springfield, Nov. 24. 1875 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am very much obliged for the Lemna and the Solidago - very nice specimens. The "Notes from my Herbarium" seemed to me the most interesting I have seen yet; do keep on. For still another thing I send my thanks, - the names of those two wretched specimens.

I hope the "curious oak" is going to prove something very pleasing; let me know if you gain any glory from it.

I suppose Mr. Batchelder is still in Manchester, unless he is going about the country seeking for some opening for a music teacher and organist, - a difficult thing to find for a man of his age. Every community now is overblocked with music teachers, young people mostly who live with their parents & pay no board, so can afford to give lessons at very low prices. Their

instructions may not be worth any more than they ask, may be a positive injury to the pupils, but what does the average parent know about that? Mr. Batchelder is not of the highest rank in his profession, – not one of those who can command the highest price for all their hours, and have besides a waiting list of applicants begging for the first vacancy. His wife has been suffering from nervous prostration for some three years, but she is with her father + mother in her old home. Her father is very well off, and she is more than welcome to stay with him and her mother, so the case is not as pitiful as a great many are. They have no children, though they lost a dear little girl about eight years ago.

I do not hear from Mr. B. directly, but I happened to meet an intimate friend of his wife's last Thursday and inquired after him.

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 24. 1895

Dear Mr. Deane,

As nobody appreciates the extended Dana Wild Flowers more than you, I have selected the prettiest of the blue prints that Mr. Hine sent for names and made them up into a book for you, — one which I hope will interest your wife too, and in which she is to share. My son made the title page; I always call on him for any such work, and the whole thing goes with the good wishes of the season to you and your wife.

A little botany must come in, for I had a letter yesterday from

my botanical friend in San Francisco and she tells me that Prof. Douglass Campbell of Stanford University has made a special study of Azolla and he says that there is no A. Caroliniana in the state, but the plant so-called is A. filiculoides. You see I pursue my researches about that plant in every direction as I have opportunity.

Miss Harrison (my friend mentioned above) put in this Cyperus, — she did not know its specific name. I think it is of no eastern species that I ever saw, and it was sent along without comment, I suppose for its beauty, for it is pretty certainly to an educated eye.

Sending you and your wife best wishes for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, in which my family desire to join,

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Jan 6-1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

You wrote to me immediately after Christmas and said all that ~~that~~ could be desired even by one far more exacting than I am. Kept your wife wrote a very pleasant letter, so you can set your mind at rest. But I am the sinner! Not a wilful one however, so I am sure you will excuse me. I send my thanks at this late day for that pretty little card of pansies and violets and its phrase in French for remembrance; I will indeed remember you. My husband laughed over his owl and the message that came with it, and has it now on his office mantel piece. He sends his thanks and wants me to mention that the rules of the house are kept up as strictly

As ever.

I was glad to learn from your postal card that Mr. Dance was getting along well.

I enclose something about postage of botanical specimens; they don't let mine go through the P.O. at any even rate, and I don't believe the statement is true. Yet I cut it out of "The Observer" a magazine devoted to botany and other branches of natural history, and I supposed at the time that I could depend upon it.

The Christmas holidays and even a few days over are the busiest of the year with me, and those that are just over two whole days were taken out by calls upon my time entirely unexpected. I am sadly behindhand still in my letter writing but hope to work through this week.

With kind regards to you and your wife, Yours very truly

Marion L. Owen

Springfield. Jan. 22. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have learned that there is an article by you on the Glass Flowers, in the Botanical Gazette. Will you be kind enough to tell me in what number? I can't think of a bit of news to tell you, botanical or family, so I send forth my question unattended except by regards to yourself + wife. Yours very truly

Marian L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Mar. 8. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Much obliged. I am glad to have the article for my own, though I had read it before in the Gazette for which our Bot. Soc. subscribes, and where it was the only article that I cared anything about. I dropped the Torrey Bulletin some years ago, and our society did the same, because the science of the papers was far beyond us, but the Bulletin has now reached the same height. The publishers say that "the subscriber may disregard the technical articles in which he is not interested, and yet possess more than enough matter to fully justify the subscription price". We hope to find it so, although the promise has not been kept so far. I am going to write you a letter by & by when Spring has fairly set in.

W. L. B.

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SPRINGFIELD, MASS. 4 MAR 1893

Mr. Walter Deane

9 Brewster St.

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spent with you, — said your herbarium was worth a trip round the world to see, mentioned the Myrio with special admiration. He has employment now as an organist in Concord, N.H., and has some pupils there or in a neighboring town. If he were only a young man I think he would leave music and fit himself for work as a professional botanist, but he has ~~found~~ learned his true call too late to follow it. His botany will be a delightful recreation as long he lives, and I hope he will have resolution enough to keep it in its place, and not let it take time that he ought not to give to it.

We are rejoicing here over the re-opening of our Art Museum. You know Mr. Smith only put in for the meeting of the A.A.A.S. last August what he could most conveniently & quickly transport to make a temporary show. In the fall the rooms were closed, and for months he & his trusted assistant worked over the rearrangement

Springfield, Apr. 29. 1876.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have had nothing special to tell you, and so have put off writing, but a letter from Mr. Dame spurs me up to tell you what little news of a botanical nature I have. There seems a slight prospect that he may spend some time in Nantucket this year; if he does I shall try to be there at the same time. How nice if you could go too!

I have a new acquaintance, — botanical — and a very pleasing one so far, and promising for the future. It is Mr. Fred. G. Floyd of Boston, a young civil engineer. Mrs. Robinson told me of him: she had met him on the commons in Nantucket, searching

to a Catalogue, almost as well worn, she said, as her own. I wrote to him to see if he could give me any new names; he sent me list, all of escapes or introduced plants, and of these he had been anticipated in three cases by others. The new ones were Trifolium incarnatum, Symphytum officinale and Silene dichotoma. Mrs. Robinson had sent you a specimen of this last, but she told me that it was one that he gave her, so he is to have the credit of it. He gave me new stations for ten more, but there again he had been anticipated in some cases by others. Several letters have passed between us, and I like him more and more; I am sure he is a born botanist, and that is the only kind that amounts to much. He was laying out a road in Nantucket last summer, and "kept his eyes about him" as he says he always does when engaged in field work; he wants to go to the island again to collect some of its rarities for his herbarium & thinks he may get down there for a few days. I mean to put him on the track of Aspidium simulatum, or Dryopteris simulata, as Mr. Davenport calls it; Mr. Eaton says it is sure to be found with Woodwardia angustifolia which is certainly plentiful enough there. If you happen to know where a little monthly called "The Fern Bulletin" is published can you send me word on a postal card? It is in some city in N.Y., as Auburn, Syracuse or Rochester, I think. I will excuse you from answering the rest of this letter, which will have indeed nothing in it needing a reply.

Mr. Bachelder wrote me a long and most enthusiastic letter after the evening

and the placing of the large additions brought from his house. Last Friday the building (this part of it) was opened again, and it seems like a new place. All those empty rooms are filled, and treasures all arranged with perfect taste.

Today something else is opened to the public, the new room at the City Library. This room on the first floor had always been used as a museum of natural history, but the collections were transferred to the new building and the room made over in the most approved modern style for the delivery room. I was in for a short time and find it a model of convenience.

Springfield is a nice place to live in, though I don't undervalue

other places, but I am quite content with our advantages. I am glad to hear that your wife is well. Please give her regards from all of us and take them yourself too.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield June 2 - 1896 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

Thank you for the information; it came early enough for my purpose; yours, Lera followed by the next mail - Thanks for that too - Shall examine it with interest. It is in my Trunk now, which I am packing for Boston - I am going to spend two or three weeks with my daughter at 66 Marlborough St - I hope during my stay to see you & Mrs. Deane, and a little of your beautiful herbarium - and talk over then what I must leave unsaid now.

M. E. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
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I accept her lists of new finds when she thought a Senecio vulgaris was a Crepis? One with all his flo-rets tubular, and the other with all ligulate! Other similar errors have come to my knowledge from her own letters, and she would actually have thrown away her great find undetermined, if it had not been for my letter about it. I must have a plant with her names, or the decision of some competent botanist. She has taken up botany very lately and she will doubtless improve in accuracy with years.

I gave her Jeffrey as your address.

With regards to your wife and yourself

Yours very truly

Marion L. Owen.

Springfield, July 7. 1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I stayed in Boston longer than I expected to, on my daughter's account; there was papering and painting to be done, which she had to superintend, and the work, as usual, lingered along. I did not mind it, however, — had a good time up to the very last.

I found Lepidium ruderale, I believe the very day that you told me about it at your house. On my walk home from the cars instead of turning into Marlboro' St. when I came to it, I thought I would walk quite through Berkeley to the river, and there, back of the Beacon St. houses I noticed a peppergrass, and pulling some

up, I felt sure it was <u>rudeedee</u> from that strong, rank smell. I pressed some, and afterward got fresh specimens to bring to our botanical society.

My next botanical action was to read the Park Flora through; I did it pretty thoroughly as far as the Thallophytes, and found it very interesting. I looked particularly for Scrophularia nodosa, as I had just had specimens sent from Brookline where it has been noticed for three successive years, — large plants. It may be found yet in one of the reservations.

I was in Cambridge another day with my daughter and although not in calling hours we stopped at your house and left our card for Mrs. Deane; we had little much hope of seeing her at that time of day, but we could not take any other time.

Mr Dame came to see me Saturday, and we made a fine plan for exploring in Nantucket, if I go in August. I wish to go very much for this rare privilege of going out with him and then conferring with him on our finds, but my husband is not well, and though he does not need any attention from me, or anybody else, I hate to go away for a good time and leave him moping at home. He is about his business just the same, and I have not decided yet, one way or the other.

I enclose a letter from Mrs. Robinson, not to be returned. I value her as an interesting correspondent, and also for her zeal, but how can

Springfield Aug 21 - 1896

My dear Mr. Deane,

I send by this mail a plant that came to me from Boston for a name. Where collected, I don't know. I think it looks like a Stellaria, and if so it may be S. longipes, — it has not quite the aspect of S. longifolia, and doesn't answer the description either. What should you say? The petals that I soaked became so soft and pulpy that I could not smooth them out to see if they were entire or parted, but I don't think it is an Arenaria.

There are two things in Mrs. Robinson's letter that I want you to see, — what she says of the Myriophyllum & Prof. Genung's testimony about Opuntia. The

rest of the letter is unimportant, but I have to send it all. Not to be returned.

In great haste

Yours truly

Maria L. Owen.

— that is, I cut out some pieces of the tuft, some to keep and show to Mr. Deane, and some to yours. And what a job I had, to wash the plants clean ~~at~~ enough to press! The mud seemed to be of the most clinging tenacious, slimy nature. I spent six days in Scituate where Mrs. Starbuck owns a house — the lady who entertained our good Dr. Morong — you will remember her, I am sure. I gave Mr. Deane his Tillaea, and he not only thought but spoke. He might have been in himself more than once, he said, but would have supposed it to be Myriophyllum. That was exactly my unspoken reflection. Now whenever at the seacoast you come across a bed of that low milfoil that makes green beds on the edges of the pond, take a second look and instead of milfoil you may have Tillaea! This that I collected was in fine condition; every plant had its terminal flower or bud in four-celled capsule, the latter in some cases ripe, the other cells showing the little brown seeds. The leaves were not noticeably thick & succulent as the Manual says they are.

Springfield, Aug. 31. 1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

Many things have happened since your letter of July 23. came; I have had company and have been visiting, and when I came home from Nantucket, where I spent nineteen happy days, I found that my daughter was going to stay at home only one week more, so I put aside everything to enjoy that time with her. The clean delight of our hearts is to go off in the electric cars, and there are some new roads this year unknown to those travellers of last year, yours, wife and my sister Mrs. Allant! One day we went up to Mountain Park in Holyoke, and I found it a very good botanizing ground. It is a mountain 666 ft. high with roads opened here and there, all done so recently that the wild flowers are not yet

exterminated as they surely will be before long. I found Gyenanthemum incanum, fine specimens with the largest heads and largest flowers that I ever saw, a pretty Lespedeza Frisii with flowers, L. violacea or perhaps procumbens, and a tall, handsome Spiranthes gracey. There are fine views of the Holyoke range of mountains from many a point, and on one side a long wall of mountain ~~side~~, completely wooded and so near that we can almost distinguish the separate trees; it must be gorgeous in October and my cousin and I are planning to go up again at that time. Another day we went to our own Forest Park which looks like a lady dressed for a party in comparison with that wild place in Holyoke, and Saturday we went up to So-Hadley Falls and walked about the pretty village, and gazed down into the river bed where things of laborers were at work on the new dam, then took car again and went over to So-Hadley where Mt-Holyoke College is. I am quite familiar with the beautiful college grounds, so I took Amelia in and we went all over the nice little botanic garden which Dear Miss Shattuck began & loved so well, and then up by the zigzag footpath to the top of the very high hill which is the glory of the place, gaining enchanting views at every opening between the trees, and at the summit overlooking the complete circle below to the far horizon except for the mountain wall on one portion of the circumference. Amelia has gone today and Emily with her, and I feel that my vacation is over. I shall apply myself first to letter-writing — there are ten correspondents to whom I am in debt — and I begin with you first. In Manchester Mrs. Robinson showed me the Tillaea patch, — a space of some three square yards green with these little plants so close together that they almost made a sod. I gazed and thought; then I collected a quantity

in our busier, hurried life do they than we want to, but besides that, I felt that you were very attentive to me. I valued Mrs. Deane's call very much because I knew she was not very strong, and knew how much time it takes to get in from Cambridge. I valued your call too, and I had a delightful time at your house; I have thought since then that the length of my stay must have nearly worn you both out, but as it came from true interest in your beautiful herbarium I knew you would excuse me.

How did your classes in botany get along? Show the true botanical zeal? They were lucky in their teacher.

With kind regards to you & your wife Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

I found one plant of Silene dichotoma, a shabby looking thing in its general appearance, but the separate flowers very pretty and the spikes truly elegant.

Mrs. Robinson showed me the last letter she had received from you, and I keep two of its items in mind. One is about the new botanical society to which you belong; as one of its objects was to form an herbarium I was going to offer it through you good specimens of S. dichotoma, Tillaea & Erythraea spicata, but Mr. Deane said the first object of the society was to study the flora of the region within forty miles of Boston, and after that to extend the area. The other was in regard to letter heads, crests, &c which a young friend of yours was collecting. I will enclose what I have happened to fall in my way since.

Halifax is the English town of that name, "The Gleddings" the name of the residence of Mr. G. H. Smith the present mayor, and the crest is that of his family. Its motto has always struck me as odd, — an adjective

and a noun connected by "et." It reminds me to tell you of the motto of the Coffin family (my mother's family) and its bad Latin. "Post tenebris speramus lumen de lumine." I was speaking of it to my daughter the other day and telling her that I meant to alter it when I used it and put the object of "post" into the accusative case, but she said that was a historical interest in bad Latin, and I took that idea into consideration and perhaps will let "tenebris" stand. As I have quoted our motto, I will ask you who are, I am sure, a much better Latin scholar than I am, how you translate it, and when I know I will tell you the family version and my own which differs.

I looked at my copy of the Park Flora after your letter came, — that leaf torn out! It is queer that any one should take so much pains to remove a harmless little leaf.

Mrs. Robinson happened to mention her Senecio which turned out a Crepis — no it was just the other way, — well she read with the flower, only the heads & pappus, so it was not so queer that she made the mistake; but for all that I can't trust her determinations yet.

I was in Massachusetts during that dreadful heated term, and Mr. Dana & I did not go out botanizing as we had planned, but one day he took me into their thicket opposite his house in which he is always finding something new, (Bacharis halimifolia the last,) and we saw much of interest. There were open spots there where Ut. subulatus, var. Chlis. used to grow, but we could not find it this year; I collected it afterward however at Alnwick Pond, and by taking pains got the leaves, about so long[-]. Mr. Floyd wanted some of the plant, so I took pains to seek for it. You will probably know the young man some time, as he is engaged to Edith Mackay and she tells him that her family and yours are acquainted.

Don't waste a thought on anything that you might have done for me when I was in Boston, — we cannot

radicals & the two species of Picris.

Now the Coffin moths. When I was a child I was told that it could not well be literally translated, but that its idea was "the darkest time of night is just before day." That my mother and my aunts had learned from their College-bred brother, and then they rested, but when I knew Latin enough myself, I rendered it differently X "After the darkness we hope for light from the source of light." "Nox" is exactly your version, though there is a slight and unimportant difference in the wording. I am glad to find myself supported by your translation.

I will return the Hair-ball paper which Mr. Robinson allowed me to take on my promise that you should have it again; I desire to testify to her conscientious scruples about lending a thing that was not her own. I read it with interest and though I have kept it a limited length of time here it is at last, for I am conscientious too.

And I enclose what devices & headings I have on hand, even business ones — I should not want the letter, but you never can tell what will please little girls' hearts.

Your very truly Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Oct. 8 - 1896.

My dear Mrs. Deane,

I had been thinking that I should take up your unanswered letter in a day or two, when your postal Card came. I am glad to hear of you and your wish at home again, — quite set up in health and strength, I hope, for your vacation in the country. I am very sorry for Dr. Robinson, his children have so much vitality, I hope he may pull through yet.

Mr. Fatchelder writes to me occasionally, and sends me all of his articles on flowers and birds. I hope he does not draw on your time too much by his frequent letters. I think his case is singular, — for a man of his age to take up a new interest and follow it to the exclusion of almost everything else. I fear sometimes that Mr. Floyd will be a second edition of this kind. He is dependent

X I could not discover it with my uncle for he died when I was eleven years old. I began to think within a little that I was mistaken, but I had not the courage to return to Otterbein from the elders at the Chem. Mr. C.

entirely on his business, — civil engineering — and his success in it, for his support and the means of marrying, — so I am told, and so I am apt to feel a little pang when I read his passionate expressions of love for what is truly a fair and lovable science; and his delight in his discoveries, and plans for his studies, his herbarium, card catalogue and library. I tell you all this with an object; you will probably meet him some time, for botanists always get together sooner or later, and with this warning you can study him, and, if he needs it, kindly hold him back for his own good. I hope I am wrong about his devoting too much time to this recreation, but I keep on the safe side and don't keep up my part of the correspondence too briskly.

Now I will take up your letter. Mr. Dame didn't refuse the plants that I could furnish, but he did say that the first attention of the Club was to be given to the region within a certain distance from Boston — sixty miles I think, was the radius mentioned, and I inferred from his saying that and from not accepting my offer that plants beyond that distance were not at present desirable. I suppose too, that Mr. Dame could contribute all his Nantucket rarities himself.

Hoped you want anything from Springfield? I don't collect much now, but I have some old duplicates on hand. You might like — i.e. the Club might like, Lathyrus pratensis from the West Springfield station where it was noticed thirty years ago, and where it remains without spreading, to this day. We find Polygala verticillata, var. ambigua in Forest Park, a little patch of nice plants, and it is quite out of range according to the Manual, you know. Would the Club care for things out of range? For instance Valerianella

Springfield Nov. 2 - 1896

Much obliged for the Plant - I will put it into my Catalogue, but I will send you a fine Specimen by & by. I found a free large plant from which I took three long branches - I don't know whether you have ever seen it growing; if you have you know how exquisitely beautiful it strikes me with their snow white flowers, and graceful, too, — each has the "settler curve" I keep hoping to get time to look over my specimens and select a number for yourself and the society; I shall at last, I have no doubt, and then I shall write you a letter - All as usual here. Yr L O -

POSTAL CARD – ONE CENT.

United States of America

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SPRINGFIELD MASS
NOV 3
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1886

Mr. Walter Deane
G. V. Brewster Jr.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Nov. 11. 1876.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am most happy to send back the Myriophyllum. I know many a pond amongst Saint's Hills where it grows in the greatest abundance, and have a little piece pressed besides. I have known it as Myriophyllum for some fifty years, I never made out the variety with certainty, but I never had the zeal and enthusiasm to call it a Proserpinaca. You shall have a curious four-leaved clover too. A friend of mine was up in Rowe in the summer and saw the plant there from which this came, — also had a piece of it given to her which she still has growing in a pot. Most of the leaves are like this, and Miss Dunbar, the botanist, says that after a while the slender little fourth leaf grows to be just like the rest! Now we know better at our botanical society, or we are stuck-up enough to think we do, but poor Miss Dunbar, who is no botanist, is sick with nervous prostration, and we can't cross-question her as

we would like to, but we can't believe that that leaf stalk takes on tissue each side of it till it becomes a mere midrib. If you may remember ~~a~~ something that I gave you that looked like a long slender pine cone — it came from California. Well the lady who sent it has come home, and she says it is not a cone but a branch of a tree called there the rat-tailed pine; all the branches are like this she says, but the tree is no relation.

Bury all hopes of a rooted Picris from me; the P. hieracioides, the first species found, was represented by one singed plant, which was three or four feet high, and spread its great branches far and wide. We thought, considering the thousands of winged seeds that it must have borne that it would soon be a park weed, but it has never reappeared. The echioides was a smaller plant and there were a dozen specimens or so; that too was seen but one year.

~~Th~~ I have begun to select the plants that I am going to send you, but my recreation has to give way to my work always; I am hoping however to

get the package made up in a week or two when I shall write again.

And now I come to the subject for which this letter was written — the other matter could have waited, but I had a letter from Mr. Floyd today asking some advice, and you can give it better than I. Every young botanist has an oracle, I suppose; mine was Mr. John Lewis Russell, — my first one, for I was but twenty when I made his acquaintance, — I have had two or three more since.

Mr. Floyd asks but two questions, but he tells interesting things in his letter which I want to tell you, they throw side lights on his character. But looking over it I see that I should have to copy about the whole so why not send it? You need its return. I have the Potentilla recta, but sent it back; it answered the description in every point.

I wish Mr. F. was a better speller, but

There are people of very fair education who are always deficient in that point. ~~Dear~~ Please shut your eyes to his short comings.

Well, I was going to say that I seem to be Mr. Floyd's teacher now, but I want him to have a better one; I want him well brought up from the rudiments. You said if you knew his address you might perhaps call in and see him; it would be a great favor if you would. His office is Room 23 Old Court House, Boston; and that is the only address I know. If you could even give him an hour or two at your own house, and show him your method or with illustrations from your herbarium, it would be a the greatest possible help to him. He has Saturday afternoon besides his evenings and Sundays, but I know how busy you are, so I shall not say a word to him about calling on you, unless I have your permission.

I enclose a few readings &c. for his little collection — some in duplicate.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

Springfield Nov. 18-1896-

Dear Mr. Deane,

From what I said in my last letter, you will be expecting plants from me about this time, but I will again tell you not to expect at all. I looked through the accumulations of years, and not knowing exactly what you would value, I made a rather large selection, with full consciousness that you might throw some away — willingness, too, that you should do so. I am writing labels now, taking odd minutes for that, and just now, with Thanksgiving at hand, I have n't so many odd minutes. I said "a large selection" but it is only large for me, an amateur, and not very active of late years. Perhaps there will be some forty species. Forget all about them, so as to be surprised some day by their appearance.

M-L-O-

POSTAL CARD - ONE CE

SPRINGFIELD MASS.
NOV 19
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United States of America.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield Dec. 31. 1896.

My dear Mr. Deane,

Just a few words to tell you that my piece of work is nearly over, and that you may expect to hear from me more fully before long.

I have seen that clover since I wrote last; it is only a specimen of what we are familiar with, — a plant that has a tendency towards something abnormal, and keeps it up. This looked like a flourishing ordinary plant, but careful search revealed two leaves with four leaflets, and occasionally, as I learned, one would appear of the kind that I sent you.

I shall be very glad if you can carry out your plan of calling on Mr. Floyd, and he will be delighted with the attention and most grateful for any instruction.

I hope Mr. Bailey will not come back from Florida too soon; what a terrible shock he must have had in his nervous condition when he heard the sad news of Lodeman! There is something entirely wrong in this world, — many things — to make so many poor creatures end it by their own act, feeling that they can no longer endure it.

Thank you for the nice little calendar. I have already assigned a special duty to it — marked it as a reminder of duties on certain days. I send you a little book mark to keep my memory green — by no means as indigo-colored as the card. I enclose two, a few more headings for your young friends.

With best wishes to you and your wife for a Happy New Year

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

Mrs. Alfred Bishop Mason when travelling in the East had her name written in some Oriental characters (Arabic perhaps) and had this letter heading made from it after she came home.

I send the *Lycopus* for your decision about the species: it is from our Forest Park. And am I right about the *Artemisia*? *vieniq?* I found that in Marlboro' Dr. a rod or so from my daughter's steps – Don't return either. And that blue-berried shrub; there was no label with it, but I think it is *Vaccinium stamineum*, – do you agree?

Lechea tenuifolia, Michx. is not in the Nant. Cat. and has not been reported to me till this mention of yours of Mr. Collins's find. The *Lecheas* have been revised again and again, and perhaps the *L. thyrsiflora*, Gray Syn. *L. maritima*, Leggett, may be the *L. minor* that Mr. C. reports. I see that *L. racemulosa*, in the Man. ed. 6, is credited to Long Is. as its northern limit, though I have excellent authority for claiming it for Nantucket. But a second look shows me that ~~the~~ mine is ~~Lamarck's~~ Michaux's name, and that of the Man. is Lamarck's. Do you ever have time to tell me what we actually have with the present specific names, including Mr. Collins's additions? I shall be much

Springfield, Jan. 5. 1897.

My dear Mr. Deane,

The new year brought leisure (i.e. comparative, for I always have *enough* to do) as I knew it would, and I used the first of it to put up the plants for you. And they are for you absolutely, except that I would like to have you give Dr. Robinson a sheet or two of the *Agalla*. You will please take any of the rest that you want for your own herb. and give the rest to friends, or put them into the new Society's herb., or dispose of them in any way that you please.

I could not tell what would be most valued from what I had left after some twenty years of collecting and giving away, but I used the best of my judgment in selecting.

Lycopus virosus is not "scarce" with us, but I always dread to press it, – it makes dreadful specimens. These are rootless; I know I *could* have dug up the woody roots, and split and shaved them till they would press, but I seldom have

time to do all that. And that Valerianella! is a one of the worst looking of all plants in life, but for death more dreadful than the Lychnis.

Scabious rodless, but these are as they came from Pittsfield; a bunch of them only cut, sent for a name to our Bot. Society.

Schwalbea Mr. Dane gave me, but I found better my self afterward; all gone now but this "will do to swear by" as Dr. Gray told me once of a wretched specimen that I showed him of one of the small Utricularia, and that he wanted, to my surprise.

Euphrasia. Larger than any that I ever collected in Mt. Desert or in Canada; whitening the grass at Inversnaid Falls.

I send with the Nantucket Coreopsis some that Mr. Redfield gave me from various places.

Spiranthes cernua. I am very sorry I did not press it on white paper, but I forgot that it was apt to stick in this way. I knew however that I could cut away the paper, trim it off nicely and make fair specimens. But root to shoot as you please; all were collected the same day, and from the same locality.

El. acicularis. I think that is what Dr. Morong told me, but I find no note of the name, — trusted to memory.

El. Robbinsii. You is many capillary leaves as I could desire. I have had better, but when I give away, I always select the very best on hand at the time, and this is my excuse for the condition of a number of other plants not specified in these communications.

Pan. verrucosum. I think I am right about this grass, but if not please tell me, and so of any others that I am wrong about.

Hierac. borealis. Plants pretty large and so firmly rooted in hard ground that it was beyond my strength to get them up. The farmer invited me cordially to take all.

I call this large Botrychium, australe, do you? It had no fruit, but seemed worth taking for its fine sterile frond. I suppose australe & intermedium run into each other.

looked like your hand writing. It was a pleasant day and I went to the Park immediately; the ponds were frozen solid on the edge, but I kept on going round them and found some open water full of the plant which I collected and despatched as soon as I came home, with a letter. I do not know whether it ever reached Mr. Seymour, though if it did not I shall find out soon by the letter's coming back from the Dead Letter Office. He offered Hydrodictyon in exchange, but perhaps he meant for good Azolla, and I told him in my letter that he would receive the poorest lot I ever saw, on account of the lateness of the season. I don't know whether it was dead or alive.

I am going to mail this letter tonight to let you know what is coming, but the package, although all ready for the mail, may not reach you for a day or two after this.

With regard to your wife as well as yourself

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

obliged -

Mr. Dame had some Epilobiums under consideration when I saw him in Nantucket; he showed them to me in the swamps opposite his house, which he says is always presenting him with new things. If you can tell me what his specimens turned out to be, I will enter them in his Cat.; you know he is a mean of a letter-writer, — too busy. I think he felt pretty sure of C. adenocaulon, Hausck.

I have some Tillaea for you, but it is in such a safe place that I cannot lay my hands on it now; that is the reason it did not go into the package. You shall have it later.

I will enclose some more creeds & various devices; do your young friends collect simple headings like Westview, Chestnut Hill? My daughter says that her little girls value them; they take pains to come to school early and carry on a brisk trade with their duplicates.

I had a letter from Mr. Seymour about three weeks ago, asking for some Aralia plants, the address

Springfield, Jan. 16. 1897

My dear Mr. Deane,

A new specific name for our Azolla leads me to take up your late letters and answer them a little ahead of their turn. A long time ago I sent specimens to my friend Miss Harrison in San Francisco who gave them to Miss Eastwood who is I think at the head of the botanical department of the California Academy of Sciences; she sent them to Prof. Douglas Campbell and a few days ago gave Miss H. who was making her a call, the enclosed slip of paper. So the doctors disagree! Prof. Campbell wrote that he had been so crowded with work that he had not been able to attend to this before. I wish I knew the authority for the sp. name fragilis, but as I did

question was "Pretend specimens or none at all?" and here is the answer.

Don't return the cutting from Miss Harrison's letter; you will find something on the opposite side to the story of Miss Cannon very interesting to stamp collectors.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

do not find it added to the name perhaps it was not on that nice large beautifully written label in the Antwerp garden; my conscience tells me however that it is much more likely that I trusted it to memory and then forgot it.

I will enclose part of Miss H.'s letter, for you to read that account of Miss Cannon. Such intemperance in a recreation harmless in itself is painful to see; I have known two or three such cases myself, and as I have said to you before, I fear that Mr. Floyd's love of botany may be indulged too much.

I am glad you like the book-mark though I did not do it; it is not hand-work, — a "Delft-card", imported.

Some Hydrodictyon followed your letter very closely; I guess you stirred Mr. L. up to sending it. I wanted it chiefly for Miss Booth our microscopist, and after taking out a little I carried the rest to her.

I have looked up El. acicularis in the Park Flora — had not seen it before.

I guess Mr. Stebbins gave me the Botrychium, but I made no note of locality or date as it was a sterile frond only; it seemed too good to throw away however as it was so large. I am pretty sure it was from Mr. Tom.

I thought you would throw away that Artemisia which is growing so common; I only wanted to know if I had got the real thing, but here's the label.

I will send with this some Silaen; I am ashamed of it, but only because I cannot proclaim what the difficulties were in washing it out of its native mud, which was so tenacious and sticky as if the liquid part was a thick solution of gum instead of clean water. I was visiting you know, and though Mrs. Starbuck is a life-long friend, and her porch & back yard where I did the work were as free to me as to herself, one hates to be messing and slopping with such dirty work. Then time was lacking besides; I was entertained most delightfully with long drives, and company & all sorts of things, and should I take myself away from my kind hostess & her family to dabble in mud for hours? So the

Springfield, Nov. 18. 1892

Dear Mr. Deane,

I was surprised as well as pleased to find that some of the plants I sent you were worthy of a place in the Grey Herb. That an appetite then lives at the Botanic Garden. I understand of course that there was nothing new amongst these plants, but that what value they had came from the locality where they were found.

I will enclose a fresh specimen of something that I sent you some months ago, — or carried it I guess, when I was in Boston in June; — it looked like a long cone. The lady who gave it to me at least got fresh tips from California where they call this tree the "cat-tailed pine"; when she brought me this it was soft & shaded and brighter in color. It is evidently one of the great family of conifers, that, whether native or exotic, thrives in California —

I will put in a few more readings for your young friends, and as you are so careful to give me credit with them, I might be equally conscientious and say that they were one of my teaching. Let that pay for our daughter's share.

I write mostly to send you these things. Things also to acknowledge your last letter, but I have no need to tell, we bless to express, so with all-of-us's X regards to you and your wife.

Remain

Yours very truly

Maria L. Dow.

X Is not this a handy addition to the English language? — so comprehensive, — such a medium in Darwo. It was the quick, spontaneous invention of a little girl with several others & sister, a pupil of one of my young cousins. Her teacher said "What a splendid great dog! Is he yours?" "Oh no! he is all-of-us's."

M. L. D.

The cousin is very well, and I can say the same of myself, and I hope this finds you and your wife are in good health

I remain

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

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Dear Mr. Dame,

[illegible] that I have [illegible] single item of botanical [illegible] in the Croft, but I [illegible] same just now. [illegible] giving me things, but what I have received of late would be well known to you as they are to me. Friends are coming back from the South now, and have brought the Jessamine of course, and great bunches of violets — hood-leaved I suppose, though they are larger and deeper in color than ours — and Polypodium incanum, which they call "tree-fern", and the so-called "gray tree moss", Tillandsia usneoides, and palm fronds and such things. But Miss Booth brought some little live ant-lions, and in sand in the bottom of a finger bowl, they are making their pretty tunnels all the time. Their owner is much concerned about food for them. There were

[illegible] in a box on this he brought them, [illegible] the season [illegible] there. I [illegible] he is going to try a [illegible] but I do the size of nuts. I had the pleasure [illegible] a small colony in my own grain; they went into the chrysalis state in due time, and then I brought them into the house where the perfect insects came out.

Mr husband, after whom you kindly inquire, is running down with some disease of the kidneys, complicated with an affection of the heart, as is very common. He has given up all his practice, though he still drives out every pleasant day. He does not laugh and joke much now, and his clothes really hang about him, he has lost so much flesh. He seldom has any acute pain, but suffers from very frequent [illegible] in fact he [illegible]. Fortunately he sleeps [illegible], what does by day is made up in night, and thus [illegible] away the tedious hours; he used to be very fond of reading but now he only looks over the papers a little while in the morning — has not read a book or even a magazine article for a long time.

He does not seem to me any worse than he did at the beginning of the winter, but he says he is weaker. His appetite is pretty good, and as long as that lasts he will not run down rapidly. He has known that he had this disease for three or four years, but its progress you see has been slow. As you asked me to tell you particularly about him I have gone into all this detail; [illegible] prepared for any news that may come.

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lists of scientific names derived from
the Greek, not only in botany, but in
all branches of science.

My husband remains about the
same; he doesn't seem to have
faded much for months, but he says
he is weaker. He has a good appetite
— [illegible] for a sick man, — and
drives out every pleasant day.
The rest of us as usual, as I hope
Mr. and Your wife are.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

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Erectum, — a good bright straw color, very
pretty with the normal garnet-colored flowers.
Mr. Batchelder sent me the enclosed grass,
— Oryzopsis Canadensis, Torr. I call it, he
sent it without the name because he knew
I would like to find that out myself. He
says it is one of their commonest wild
grasses in Manchester, though the Manual
calls it rare. It is earlier than usual
this year; he finds it first in May generally.

I [illegible]

[illegible], and [illegible] the [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] think he thought worthy of a [illegible] to you. My [illegible] is [illegible] a rose calyx which the exhibitor a week ago. You may see it, and if you [illegible] such things, you may keep it, or if you want to give it to some one who is making a collection of ~~max~~ abnormal growths you may do that, — otherwise please return it sooner or later, for such a curiosity is not to be thrown aside after inspection. I don't want the [illegible] again.

You know of course of the Mycological Societies of Boston, New York, Washington and elsewhere. We need not [illegible] of them [illegible] that [illegible] clear, and [illegible] the persons. At the last meeting of the ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] I [illegible] them most [illegible], most experienced [illegible] caution [illegible] to eat any of them. I [illegible] the [illegible] Amanita [illegible] contaminating wholesome species, and poisoning the [illegible], [illegible] formed experiment in using ~~them~~ any as food till he has that knowledge, at least, which a [illegible] would not come amiss.

Are we to say Cýperus now instead of Cypérus. There [illegible] with the former accent, I [illegible], Couldn't if it were a matter of life or death, but at the time I knew that I considered the authority worthy of respect and I looked the word up in a Greek Lexicon where I [illegible]

Springfield, May 28. 1897.

Dear Mr. Deane. I send you a plant, and should like to know if you agree with me about the name. The flowers all dropped off, but I saved every one. There was just this one plant where found, — on the edge of a compost heap. It must be rather ~~rather~~ rare with us, — if it is L. purpureum, for it doesn't appear in the Met. Park Flora, the Middlesex or the Mt. Desert. Neither is it in the Washington, the Wilmington or the North Carolina Flora, but the Torrey Club Catalogue does have it, as I fully expected. Don't they take in everything? I could quite satisfy myself that the authors opened lengthwise, but they had that book. Tell me your opinion anytime at your convenience. Yours very truly Mr. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane

F. J. Brewster Jr.

Cambridge

Mass.

Boston, June 9, 1897.

Dear Mrs. Owen,

A day or so ago I sent you a little package of Potentilla Pennsylvanica, L. (?) I found on closer investigation that my single plant proved to be a large single clump. I found only the one clump but was able to obtain by separating them out about a dozen specimens. Any of which you are welcome to when they are dried. X Monday P.M. was a holiday for us and I tried to get you a specimen of Potentilla recta, L. but found on visiting my locality that it had not blossomed yet so did not pluck any. There is lots of it though and some fine specimens when it gets well out. I will send you some when I gather my specimens.

X Regarding the L. sordidum there is one point I will speak of. In Gray the pubescence of the involucre is not mentioned. Now I thought I knew L. autumnalis, L. and that it was not having that way. Then to the whole plant had a different look and also I can only find, hunt as I may, just this one little patch in one old field by the town highway where there are perhaps

X He had written a letter, but it was not in a previous letter, about this plant.

X He added in a letter, by Mr. Bernard Whetzel, that he would give a specimen in exchange if he proved to be P. Pennsylvanica.

fifty or more plants of such a very common plant. I have purposely hunted for it too. Well I have pressed several specimens and when I do find more in the fall I can compare at my leisure.

The pretty little plant you enclosed in your letter is one (if I am not mistaken, you see I am hedging now most awfully) I have looked in vain for many times in my rambles but never found. In few places covering various sections of N. E. it is not given at all but I have heard that further south it is found very plentifully. I call it Podophyllum peltatum L.

You you did not mention Lamium purpureum, L. before. I think it was a nice find. It is always nice to find something like that. It sort of gives one importance, the importance of a discoverer say, yet really it is chance, or sometimes propinquity to a person accustomed to using his eyes, still the propinquity is chance. Still I must confess to a feeling of elation for every find. I have my press just full of specimens. They have just been pouring in. Although the weather has been abominable and

P.S. Does that Bot. Society of which you are Curator keep up its meetings? Was it ever fairly established or did it remain in the formative stage?

M-L-O-

will recover her usual health in the rest that she can have there. I shall not think of leaving my husband of course. Mr. Lane is looking towards Nantucket, though not quite decided when he wrote last. A friend of Miss Coffin's has just come back from the island. She meant to stay through June when she went, but Mrs. Fish, her landlady, had taken down the stoves in her house, or all but one, and it was so cold that the lady could not stay. She reports that it had rained thirty-two successive days, but she declares that she liked the place in spite of everything.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

Springfield June 15. 1897.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I can sympathize with you most deeply in the great loss you have met with, for my own mother died twenty-seven years ago, and far from growing used to life without her, I miss her more and more with each succeeding year. Such mourning must be right; it leads me to try to live so that I may be equally missed when I go, and my best wish for sorrowing friends is that the memory of their lost ones may never die out of their hearts.

My husband is failing but not rapidly; clear days (the few that we have) he seems quite comfortable, but damp, sultry weather is bad for him. He needs no waiting upon, so our daily life goes on as usual.

My young friend Floyd is taking

up his botany with unbated zeal. He tells me that he mounted many of his last year's specimens in what leisure he could find in the winter, by sewing them to the sheets, — a way that he learned of Mrs. Robinson. I fear that he will regret this some time; I think the usual way of gluing and strengthening with bands when necessary is much the best. He did not know that Mrs. Robinson was but a beginner like himself, and had had little opportunity to learn the accepted, regulation ways. He has got much useful information lately from Mr. Fernald who invited him to call, but I think it was about camping out and collecting in really wild, deep woods, on Mt. Katahdin, for instance.

Mr. Floyd is certainly a keen observer; he thinks he has found Potentilla Pennsylvanica, L. which is not in the Park Flora, nor the Middlesex. I will enclose the dried up specimen which he sent in the temporary lack of a better one. I never saw the flower; you can glance at this and then throw it away; if you want an hbm. specimen, you can have one, as you will see by the leaf from Mr. Floyd's letter which I enclose for further light.

Then he has a Leontodon which he thinks is not L. autumnalis. I will send you that. In the Torrey Club Catalogue I find L. hirtus, and L. hispidus. Can this be one of those species? There is a L. protensis too, but the roughness of this plant leads me to guess that it may one of these others; their specific names are suggestive.

I suppose you will soon be starting for the country, and I hope your wife

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[illegible] week,

I am glad to think you and Jim are up in the mountains; the whole of July to Jan. was a hard term of high pressure. We are studying it well enough in this house, but I don't do much myself yet read, and write a letter occasionally. The children are in Colorado. Walter had a very severe attack of rheumatic fever that began April 1. Dr. Morris who attended him, goes out to Glenwood Springs for three months every year — resident physician at the Colorado Hotel. He advised Walter's going out to take the course of waters, both to complete his cure, so he started June 28. Amelia went for company, and an attendant, for day nurse was taken, because even then Walter could neither feed nor dress himself.

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I have looked upon it as hard man with anxiety ever since I have [illegible] Stor. His character, his business or pursuit is as absorbing as Bunsen's for Arctic research, Edison's in electric science and that of others who give their whole thoughts and life to some engrossing pursuit; they seem possessed by a power over which they have no control. So Floyd has seemed to me; so I have read his letters with vague presentiments of trouble ahead, and now it has come. He has done the work of two men too long. He is a civil engineer and from that business comes his living, but he must depend on himself for his support, but after work is over, he is off to some collecting ground; every Sunday and all holidays devoted to this loved pursuit of his, — recreation he would call it, but it required as much strength of body as his regular business

of one [illegible] name with [illegible] Dwight, — is [illegible] encouraging. The [illegible] and spirit is [illegible]
[illegible] from the sea, but it is not [illegible] in the sea, [illegible] seen there) — [illegible] so-called however in all the surroundings.

Mr. Floyd wants to know what you would like to have specimens in the Potentilla and Leontodon such. One of the former answered the description of P. recta so exactly that there seemed to be no doubt about the name. The other seemed all right for P. Pennsylvanica, but was out of the region laid down in the Manual. P. recta appears in the Middlesex Flora in Malden & Concord.

Mr. Floyd writes from Hennikar, N.H. and I am much concerned about his condition. I did not know but that he was in his usual health, — no hint of anything different in any of his previous letters, and in this last one, of [illegible] The first [illegible] [illegible] breaks 3 matches — then he says "this is a [illegible] letter [illegible] I have got [illegible] [illegible] I have lit something [illegible], and [illegible] and he thought [illegible], and I think I [illegible] better". [illegible] he feels better, — that is [illegible] to say. "It is not [illegible] often I am [illegible] inactive like this, but it pays at times. In driving about the village" — "driving" — that goes to my heart; in health he would ask nothing better than a chance to walk miles and explore a new locality. He speaks of plants that he saw from the carriage and then closes with "I shall do more collecting now. As yet I haven't been up to it, I was simply all tired out. I think I am all right now. I shall stay here a week longer, and then back to town

A NEW FLORAL WONDER.

[From the London Mail.]

The annual Temple gardens flower show opens to-day, and among the exhibits will be an extraordinary orchid from the collection of Mr Sander of St Albans. It is a specimen of the Cattleya Reineckiana. The wings of its seagull-like blossom are white as snow, while the body portion is of gold and vermilion, eight inches across. It is the largest and most beautiful Cattleya ever known to the civilized world, and it would take 1000 guineas to buy it. Arnold, the famous orchid collector, sent it home to Mr Sander just before he lost his life while hunting for further similar treasures. Arnold was the man who, while traveling for Messrs Sander in Venezuela, made the acquaintance of a young fellow who appeared to be roving for pleasure. Arnold traveled with him for some distance, but a few chance words in a wayside inn made Arnold aware that the supposed pleasure-seeker was really another orchid collector, bent on the same errand as himself, and using every means to supplant him. At once Arnold drew his revolver, and there and then gave his acquaintance the option of either fighting a duel with him or retiring from the field. The latter course was chosen.

Arnold's death, soon afterward, under circumstances which have never yet been cleared up, is by no means a solitary example of the perils of orchid hunting, and though in the more civilized districts the work is comparatively easy, there are still countries in which an orchid seeker may be said to carry his life in his hands. Mr Sander yesterday told a Daily Mail reporter that he has at the present time a collector who has been in his service for years, and was well acquainted with Arnold, who for love of his work voluntarily offered to go to the East in search of a splendid orchid known to exist there, but of which hitherto only one solitary specimen has been sent home. A magnificent kind in floral beauty, it surpasses all its kindred, but its habitat is located on the terra of skull hunters and skull collectors. Yet this enthusiast, fully aware of the risks he runs, has started with the determination to return with it. Those who know the treacherous character of the Javan sea natives, and the deadly nature of the climate found in the jungle and swampy districts, will obtain a slight idea of his undertaking. Once before, taking advantage of a punitive expedition organized by the chief of a small island against a neighboring tribe, he was within a short distance of the locality in which he believes the coveted treasure to exist, and possibly, had the tribe he accompanied been victorious, orchid collections would have been all the richer for one more of nature's choicest gems. But it was not to be. The opposing tribe had received notice, and the collector's friends met with such a warm reception as caused them to retreat with more precipitation than in such a climate, and under such circumstances, is conducive to comfort. More than one narrow escape befell the collector. The scar from a jagged fish spear which grazed his cheek still remains, and shortly after he found himself facing two of the enemy, armed with their long, curved krisses, but fortunately he reached the boats in safety, though with the total loss of his equipment, and finally arrived at Singapore. One experience such as this would be sufficient for most men, but, nothing daunted, he has returned again to try to secure the orchid. No news has yet been heard of his luck.

and his friends, seeking constant & extra-writing work to make ends meet & education and I fear, frustrated the real bent of his young life. But he has had a rare reader coming to me where he finds his kind, big, hearty & generous, and his plans, I think, I could have had him back, but I have from the beginning that I could not influence him by circumstances I might use.

This would be too fine right in many ways, but it will be some time, and when it is, nice young men work have to work themselves to death in the wrong places. Mr. Floyd in a right world would be on his way to becoming a famous plant collector, — serving his apprenticeship, we'll say, under Mr. Pringle in California and then pushing forward into virgin wilds, seeking for orchids like the man told of in the enclosed cutting, only I hope he would not

time, over, a time of [illegible] of finding fault. Don't you the world is "[illegible]" it was, now then Co-operation not Competition is the law of life.

I will send you a few "[illegible]" Mark particularly the 26th. "[illegible]"; I should advise you to give it to some special pet, or else to some one who would know the meaning of the words on the Scroll, words Courtesie carried also on the regimental flag.

The winter work amongst birds that you are looking forward to will be pleasant I am sure, from the way you speak of it. What it is you did not explain.

Mrs. Robinson says flowers are very abundant in Nantucket this year. She has found new localities for some plants in the Catalogue. She was going to invite Mr. Dame to spend a day with her in botanical conference going over her labors &c.

With regards to both, Yours very truly Mark Owen

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Perhaps [illegible] in [illegible] time – [illegible] time, [illegible], enjoying the [illegible] blessing [illegible].

[illegible] very Truly

more use of them gradually; he can dress himself, draw enough to give his ideas to his draughtsmen, write really very well, manage a fork & spoon at the table and to some degree a knife, so there is much to be thankful for. He came home about ten days ago, but stopped here less than a day, because he was much needed at the office in New York.

You leave the country when it is most delightful and beautiful, but of course you want to take advantage of mild pleasant weather for your aunt's journey; I hope she will stand it well.

It doesn't give me the least trouble to send you letter headings & such things; ~~my~~ I only had to mention that I would like them and my son & daughter & sister-in-law put them into their letters to me when they think of it, so as long as you can please any little hearts with them you may have them.

With kindest regards to your wife & yourself

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

Springfield Dec. 2. 1897.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I must thank you for your kind letter bringing the sympathy of yourself & your wife. My husband's death had been so long expected, that I was as fully prepared for it as one can ever be for such a change, and we could not mourn that his sufferings were over. I am gradually growing used to my new life, — learning to depend upon myself for some cares that my husband always took, and I have taken up the ordinary routine of life. It is much better for me, I am sure, than to shut myself up and put my work upon others. Yesterday I went to our botanical society; I was glad to get back to those familiar friends, in our

quiet room, but besides that, being President, I thought I ought to go.

The person who brought in the Meni-spermum for a name was not there; he was seldom attendy, but I will ask when I see him again, if he can get an herbarium specimen next summer. It had never been brought in before, and none of our members had ever seen the species. I will put another leaf into this letter to see if you know it. Don't take any trouble about it; I shall find out my-self if the plant ever blooms. It came up in my yard, — a seedling, — about four years ago, and is now about five feet high. It has a woody stem, but its style of branching suggests, so far, a shrub more than a tree. Some of my friends thought it might be the hackberry, — Celtis occidentalis; there is no tree of that kind within my reach to compare it with.

When you first get back to Cambridge you will have much to occupy you, and will not think of inviting company out from Boston, — even botanical company, but I will mention, for you to lay up in mind, that Mr. Floyd has at his own disposal his evenings, Saturday afternoons and Sundays, and will call on you with pleasure at any time that you may set within those limits. His address is Fred. G. Floyd Room 23 Old Court House, Boston. I think he is really under good self-control about his dearly-loved botany; he puts his business first, and keeps his recreation in the back ground till the right time to bring it out and enjoy it.

My son after whom you inquire is much better; his general health seems fully restored. His arms and wrists are still stiff, but he seems to be gaining

The leaves are not all as large as this; they are alternate, and most of them oblique at the base. I am writing in the evening and got this in the dark.

Mr. Dame never replied to my queries about that Manitoba Habenaria, which was not bright orange, not deeply fringed in its lip and not showy enough by any means to be called the handsomest of its genus. I suppose you will see him in the course of the fall or winter, and I wish you would see if he sent a specimen to Cambridge, and what his own deliberate opinion of it was. He is no letter-writer, except on the greatest occasions — as this discovery certainly was, so I shall never know any

more of it from him directly.

M. L. O.

I promised Dr. Robinson a list of the new plants found since the catalogue came out if I ever had time to make it, — a promise worded in such a way that I can keep it.

I fancy you now much occupied with your new work amongst the birds. You will be interested in the account of some bird groups in our Art Museum, all made and placed there since you were here. They are beautiful and lifelike and instructive, but I do hate to have the pretty creatures killed even for this purpose. I can't help admiring them, however; there was nothing that I saw in the So. Kensington half as pleasing to me as the long rows of cases of birds mounted in this way. Such an exhibit was entirely new to me then, and I little thought that I should soon see in my own home just such work, done too by the very peoples who had done what was then under my admiring eyes.

Please remember me to your wife. I hope she and you both are feeling the good effects of your long stay in the mountain air of New Hampshire. Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

Springfield, Nov. 28. 1897.

Dear Mr. Deane,

We have had quite a pleasant Thanksgiving week, with my son and daughter both at home. Walter is gaining the use of his stiff elbow joint by degrees, and we hope will be as well as ever by next summer. Our botanical society closed its meetings for the season the last Friday in October; we gave especial attention to mushrooms for the whole six months, and one of our members collected cooked and ate nine different kinds in that time. My list is shorter; I count up only six, but they made up in abundance for the lack of variety; there were two kinds growing so near us that I could run out, collect enough for a good meal

and get back in fifteen minutes from the time of starting. I'm sure I know that you have even given them any study for this very practical application of your knowledge. We are being cautious in our society about encouraging the table use of mushrooms, so far have given not publicity to our studies, and in answer to questions though we have willingly shown the contents of our baskets, ~~we~~ and have disclaimed what we were going to cook, we have added most emphatic warnings about the poisonous kind. A woman in this city was poisoned to death by eating mushrooms that she had collected herself and which she felt sure were wholesome; if she had been one of our members, or had even learned anything, — wrong or right, — from us, we should have felt it as a calamity that we could never act even, tho' she was an utter stranger to every one of us, and we knew nothing of her experience with any mushrooms till we read of her sad fate in the papers.

I had a pleasant letter from Dr. Robinson a while ago, as you may know: carrying out intimations from the Botanical Club, he wanted to know how (or where) to get a Nat. Catalogue, and I'll let him know by promptly sending him a copy, — quite gratified to find that his Club would value it. But there are some errors that I wish I had corrected; besides those noticed in "Corrections and Additions" there is one on page 55. S. sylvestris, L. should be P. sylvestris, L. If it ever comes handy perhaps you will rectify these things with pen or pencil, but if not, there is the consolation of knowing that nobody cares but myself.

Springfield. Dec. 15. 1897.

I find today that we have neither the Vaccinium nor Rhododendron that you wish to see in our herb. I dare say they might be found in the herb. of Smith College (address Prof. Gerring) or of Mt. Holyoke College (Miss Hooker) or of one or both of the Amherst Colleges where I do not know the professors. I guess they would be willing to help you at either place. I know Miss Hooker is most zealous and enthusiastic botanist, but I can't think of her first name. She has been a teacher at Mt. Holyoke for many years, – perhaps she is a professor by title. Letter later. M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Dec. 22 - 1897

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad to hear that Coprinus Comatus grows near you, — and on what soil, if you please? Here, invariably, as far as we know, on dumping grounds, refuse out of the coal ashes, or what not? — with one apparent exception however. Cooke says in his "Our Edible Toadstools and Mushrooms" that its habitat is "Lawns, pastures, gardens and rich grounds in the neighborhood of barns &c.", and the second place where I found it was a beautiful lawn, but when the later five or six were all dumps, I recollected that the pretty lawn was on made land. Twenty years ago it was a deep dell; I frequently passed it and observed its gradual filling up, summer after summer, till at last five or six years ago it was sodded and I forgot its origin, till the recurrence of the Coprinus in such dissimilar places brought the ~~mem~~

I have no monograms this time, but perhaps some young friend of yours is collecting society and city seals; at any rate these came to me, and may as well go into my envelope. And I charge you not to take the trouble to thank me every time for these trifles, — it grows monotonous. And I recall my cousin (somewhat removed) Benjamin Franklin's suggestion to his father to ask a blessing over the whole barrel of pork instead of saving it all winter long for the portions that appeared on the table, — an example that you can follow. The Dr. is not my own first cousin, because I live too late in the centuries, but two of my ancestors, one on my grandfather's side, and the other on my grandmother's, stood in exactly that relation to him.

But I must close, — and with all the good wishes of the season to you and your wife,

I remain, as ever

Your sincere friend. Marion L. Dean

memory back to me. So far, as I have read, Aquilegia Canadensis and its varieties are all that can be depended on to grow in cultivation, but it seems as if this C. Canadensis might be raised. A great profit when its habits were understood, for it is a "Delmonico luxury" says Gibson, "dainty diet, fit for a King"; and where it grows it is abundant and sure. Perhaps I mentioned before that Dr. Chapin collected about twenty pounds in less than half an hour one morning, and by no means exhausted the crop.

I send you a little Christmas gift, a copy of the tail-piece of one of Gibson's most charming magazine articles; — "A Masquerade of Stamens" it is called, but the author does not confine himself to stamens, he gives drawings of petals besides and "a few green Hosannas", and gives no names to any of them, thus making a pretty floral riddle, and at the end seems to confess his purpose, by putting this question mark as a challenge — "What are we?" And I challenge you with it, to tell where the artist found all the component parts that he has turned together. If you can't name them now, I will give you the coming year for your task, — as long as the flowers season lasts. I confess that I don't know them all myself, but I have the original to refer to and to study from.

You may think I made the copy myself; I was going to do so, but when my son heard my plan, and offered to cut one of his draughtsmen take the work, I gave it up to those more skillful hands.

I hope you found the Rhododendron and Vaccinium that you wanted; I don't believe they grow about here, even on Mt. Tom or Mt. Toby. I see that Mr. Dame found the variety of the Rhododendron in Nantucket.

delight, but I wish I could run down to Nantucket and see the jasmine in bloom on "Chicken Hill". And I am pretty sure I could find groundsel and chickweed in bloom in Yard that I know. When I do go again I must look for that S. viscosus which the last edition of the Manual mentions. Is the N.E. Club flourishing? Meetings well attended? How often are they held?

But no more now except kind regards to yourself and wife from

Your Sincere friend
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. - oh-h-h!
Jan. - 14 - 1898.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Is it ungrateful, and uncivil and unpolite and unkind and unbearable and unpardonable, and even unexpected and unthought of and unexpressable that I should wait three weeks before thanking you for your Christmas remembrance of me? That pretty little calendar & memorandum book! I value it and thank you and your wife very much for it. And my cousin wants me to say the same for her pretty pansy calendar. She gave it a place at once in her writing box and there it will remind her of you all through the year. Time & again she has wished that she had written to you at once and sent her thanks instead of waiting for this dilatory old sinner, but having let the proper - the acceptable time pass by, she hated to start up and write at a very wrong time, so she even had to wait to the end. But you are by no means

the only friend whose letters lie unanswered; a pile of nice friendly epistles is under my eyes every day: I diminish it by not more than two a week, but of business letters there is no end, and my diligence & promptness about those is exemplary if I do say it myself. If I let them accumulate I should get entirely discouraged, and my interests would suffer too. You will be indulgent and excuse me I am sure.

I wonder if you know in what a serious condition Mrs. Batchelder is. She has been running down for a long time and it was settled at last that she had a tumor which must be removed as her only chance of life. This was done Wednesday the 8th inst. She bore the operation well, and on the fifth day which was the critical one, Mr. B. wrote again, and again with good news. She was doing well and was in good spirits. I don't suppose you ever met Mrs. Batchelder; — a lovely lady, pretty, charming in disposition & manners, a great favorite with all who know her. She is almost as good a botanist as her husband, — and perhaps I need not say "almost". I hope she will be restored to health, — she is one whom her friends and society can ill spare.

I hope you are enjoying the open winter. I am; I wish a January thaw would begin the minute the mercury sinks to freezing point in November (or October) and last till a month beyond the vernal equinox. This present thaw is of course my

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Camden [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

You may put me down as a subscriber to new [illegible] magazine, and also the [illegible] Society. Our [illegible] was instructed to subscribe for us but she may not know it yet, for she was absent from the meeting; I will hear from her in time, but I hasten to tell you even of this good report, to the [illegible]. I did not read this because your letter was a [illegible] — I don't know — [illegible] where — and how long in the [illegible] I don't know — [illegible] I am very busy and shall be [illegible] and no [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a month to come at least; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much writing on hand; shall write you a letter

and even [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to you

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Mr. Walter Pearse

[illegible]

Cambridge

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Springfield, June 2, 1891

Dear Mr. Deane,

I suppose our secretary sent you word that the Sp.-Bot. Society would subscribe for the new Bot. magazine, and you had no answer before. What attracts me to it is that it is not to be repellingly scientific. I am glad you enjoy your bird studies. I wonder if you ever knew a sparrow hawk to build a nest and rear a brood in a barn in daily use. I know of such a case, and I can't say enough in praise of that judicious, discriminating, obliging bird, for the barn owner is one of the two best ornithologists in Springfield, made for the time being a proud and happy man.

Our best botanical find this year so far is Pentstemon grandiflorus, Frazer. Dr. Chapin and two of the ladies of our Society found a patch of it, — about one hundred plants, large & small, and about

twenty five in bloom, time, thirty specimens. This was in woods on the edge of the town, not near any railroad. It may be a survival of the flora partially driven out by the first settlers and their successors, or it may at some time have been cultivated as a garden flower and spring from seed carried there by bird or wind. I don't find it in the Preliminary Catalogue of the Gray Herb., 1888, — only P. pubescens, Solander. This latter species is not very rare with us — scarce, I should call it, but every few years somebody brings it in, and we know, perhaps half a dozen widely distant localities. Then once I had P. digitalis, Nutt. brought up from Connecticut, ~~and that is not in the Gray Cat. either.~~ These two are in the Gray Catalogue as P. hirsuta L. Miles. & P. laevigata Solander. var. digitalis (Nutt.) Gray.

Another find is Viola pubescens, var. scabriuscula — three plants. Pitten

is endeared by a thousand memories, has had poetry written about it, -twice! Has Coskata even once?

And Mr. Editor, can't you look up Charles F. Briggs' pretty sonnet, "Coatue," in "Seaweeds from the Shores of Nantucket," and reprint it in your columns? It would be new to most of your readers and would please all.

MARIA L. OWEN, Springfield.

Indorsed by Mary G. Tallant, Northampton, Susan C. Hosmer, Worcester, Emily Shaw Forman, Wellesley Hills, Herbert Shaw Forman, Cambridge, Harriet P. Hazard, Roxbury, Bertha Hazard, Roxbury,

"Yes, we, too, Coatue for Coatue."

Lorin L. Dame, Medford, with Isabel A. Dame, Gertrude Dame, Ruth Burleigh Dame, Olive Arnold Dame and Isabel Dame Bacon, also of Medford, Sarah J. Baker, Roxbury, Charlotte M. Gardner, Roxbury, Emily C. Coffin, Springfield, Margaret Swift Hosmer, Worcester, Louise Hosmer, Medford, Walter Tallant Owen, New York,

"The dream of my life is to have that island named Coatue."

Amelia L. Owen, Boston, Alice Weld Tallant, Boston, George H. Mackay, Maria M. Mackay, Pauline Mackay, Caroline V. McGuffey, Margaret D. McGuffey, Boston.

So say we, all of us.

SPRINGFIELD, March 26, 1898.

THE LIST.

Coatue.
Nauma.
Wonoma.
Great Point.
Coskata.
Offspring Island.
Right Arm Island.
Backus Island.
Coskata.
Coskata.
Coskata.
Coatue.
Cedar.
Cedar.
Cutaway.
Shetucket.
Sandy Point.
Sandy Land.
Sandiland.
Klondike.
Coskata.
Century.
Centennial
Columbus.
Coatue.
Ocean Grant.
Cedar.
Whale Isle.
Cedar.
Plum.
Crescent.
Crescent.
Cactus.
Quary.
Noconomo.
Macy.
Gosling.
Storm.
Weewinnet.
Nauma.
Sherburne.
Little Sherburne.
New Sherburne.
Tempest.
Quary.
Coskata.
Sachem.
Island Home.
Independence.
Rivenoak.
New Nantucket.
Little Nantucket.
Coatue.
Harbor Island.
Channel Island.
Easterly Island.
Coatue.
Quary.
Windmere.
Coatue.
Ocean's Choice.
Infant Island.
White Island.
Nantuquito.
Tashma.
Coatue.
Nichanoose.
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Coatue.
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Last.
Little Nanticon.
Coskata.
Coskata.
Coatue.
Coatue.

For the New Island.

[For Inquirer and Mirror.]

Mr. Editor:

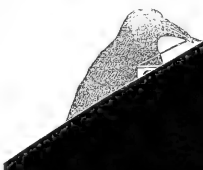
Here's Off-Island sailing down to vote upon that cut-off piece of Nantucket, with Coatue on all her flying colors. And her crew? Legal voters every one. By birth or residence, and by true love, all have a right to join in the annual Boston reunion of Nantucketers, and what fuller credentials can be required?

And thus speaks the skipper:

I have read the list of names proposed for the new island and admire their brightness and wit,--their appropriateness also if the island were new in another sense,—if the old giant sachem had lately found his moccasins full of sand again, and had emptied them out as before into the ocean. But the island under anxious consideration now, is not new in that way, and I feel that no new name could ever find or make a warm place in Nantucket hearts, so my choice, after hovering over Coatue and Coskata, has settled upon the former, and I do not see that any confusion or misunderstanding would arise from having the name of the whole the same as that of one of the parts.

Let us suppose a name agreed upon and bestowed; can we also suppose an occasion for using it? Should we ever say "I am going over to Little Nanticon" or to "Cactus," or whatever? No; the inclusive name will always stay in innocuous desuetude, like, for instance, the "Sia" of 'Sconset.

Coskata has good claim, and it would be my second choice, but isn't it simply the eastern end and expansion of Coatue? We easily conceive of Coatue as including Coskata, but not the reverse. Coatue has always been a pleasure resort for the town's folk, is more in evidence,



give this variety specific rank, and it is in appearance different enough from the type to attract the eye at once. Madam Lonney tells quite at length of his pleasure at finding it in Virginia in "A Year in the Alleghanies" in the April Atlantic.

I send a few letter headings. The young friend who receives the Nant. Hist. Society's seal, as shown on the envelope, may like to know its meaning. In 1659 Thomas Mayhew of Martha's Vineyard sold his property in Nantucket, a large part of the island, to nine men who meant to settle there, for thirty pounds in money and two beaver hats one for himself and one for his wife. The seal tells the story. The oak and arrow refer of course to the original owners. I suppose you and your wife will soon be off to one of your pleasant country resorts where I wish you both much health and happiness.

Yours very truly
Marion L. Owen.

(over)

I almost forgot to mention the business part of this letter. I write it by itself on a separate sheet so as to give you just as little trouble as possible. I suppose you know some one who can tell you Dana what he wants to know and if you will give him the two letters Mr. Dana's & mine you will not have to add a single word yourself.

I enclose a letter of mine to the Nantucket paper. It is far more in fun than in earnest, and you will understand the local allusions, and you know nothing about the previous letters that the Inquirer had been publishing for months. All these things are not worth explaining, but you will see some familiar names appended as my supporters. Even that string of indorsers is a joke. This was lying here & I thought I might as well send it as to throw it into my waste basket.

Yours

L. O.

38 Union St.
Springfield, Mass
June 21, 1897

Dear Mr. Deane,

I enclose a letter in reply to which I could only tell Mr. Dana that I must ask for a little time, & get the desired information from some one who knew more than I about that department of Botany.

I hope you can, without trouble, put the letter into the hands of some one able and willing to promote science here in Springfield, by giving the list which is wanted.

I should like to have it somewhat classified in this way: – the books to be bought first for beginners,

and those to be added later when needed. I don't believe there is a single student of lichens in this City, or our botanical society, now in its twenty-third year, some of us know the common species by sight and name, and we should probably use a work for beginners. My way would be to put in only two or three elementary works, and add others as asked for. Any other way seems to me a waste of money, for before there is interest enough in this neighborhood in the study of lichens, and advancement enough to go deeply into it, the present books may be quite out of date, superseded by those giving the result of later researches. Any more books would only make a show on the shelves, and I think that is not the aim of the trustees of this Memorial Library fund which is not a large one.

If you will help me in this matter as you have in so many before this, you will oblige again

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

You just tell me what it is on a postal ~~card~~ card? The name will be enough without another word. Then answer the letter at your leisure. Our address for the next week will be Rice's Inn

Hoosac Tunnel

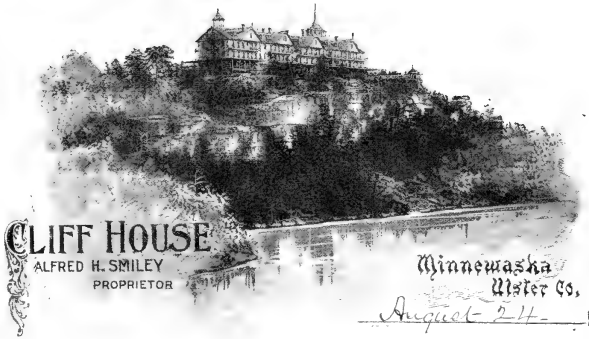
Mass.

Hoosac Tunnel is a very prosaic name for a lovely place. I spent a week there once with my sister-in-law Mrs. Tallant, and now that my daughter is with me I want her to see it before we go home.

If you carry out your plan you will soon be at Wells, but wherever you are you and your wife have my best wishes for a pleasant time.

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Allen.



Minnewaska
Ulster Co. N.Y.
August 24. 1898.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I should guess that you were in Jaffrey now, if it were not for the meeting of the Am. Asc. which is beginning about this time. If you are attending that, shall you have time to give to the enclosed leaves and berries for which I want a name? You will know right off; I have a guess, myself, but am unfortunately here without my Manual; it shall never happen

again. I enclose the letter that came with the leaves. Mr. Whiting is one of the editors of the Republican, somewhat of a botanist, and a true flower lover. Once in a while he writes an article for the paper, in the style of Bradford Torrey, or John Burroughs, or Frank Bolles, — I mean he writes on the things that they love so well, and his style is fully equal to that of any of them.

It is pleasant up here, but wintry hot for the last three days, though we are 1550 ft. above the sea. At the base of the mountain and for some distance up the rhododendron grows; then that leaves off and the vegetation is that of our N. Eng. woods — quite luxuriant too. I have seen one little tuft of Arenaria Groenlandica, right in a rocky and much trodden path; I didn't expect that subalpine plant here, the first thing that comes down from the mountain tops to give me a welcome. In all my past experience has been Potentilla tridentata, but I have not seen that here. I have looked for Linnaea too in vain. About the commonest goldenrod is S. odora, a species very rare in the neighborhood of Springfield.

I am much obliged for your passing my letter along to Miss Cummings of Wellesley College, and I suppose after vacation I shall get a list of works on lichens from her. When I am settled for the fall & winter, I will send you a Pentstemon grandiflorus — two if I find I have enough. [Nyssa sylvatica] If the specimen enclosed at once you can name, as I think you will be able to, will

I could have made certain myself. How often I bless the "friend in need" and even in retrained matters you often prove. I see what a good time you must have had at the meeting of the C. A. U. The train on which you heard Prof. Dis-tinguished Preachers were most interesting. I never met Mrs. Godbee, but one Summer when she was out of town the Dr. took his meals where I was boarding. Dr. Walton was there too. I guess you know the house in Garden St. Dr. Gram called it the "Annex to the Bot. Garden." Our young hostesses were Misses Eliza & Susan Parker. What pleasant memo-ries I have of their little, low studded house, — I could reach the ceiling of the parlor with one hand, and I'm no "mammoth." — their yard just full of choice plants, crowding each other, but not overcrowding in their happy growth, and most of all, the dear ladies themselves. When they died, at one a few hours' interval, Col. Higginson wrote an

tion of the new building to-morrow.

It has been found that the trunk of the "Queen elm" was made up of three dis-tinct trees, which grew together for several feet and then branched out. A large cross section of the trunk about a foot in thick-ness has been placed in the museum in the Art building, and the unusual growth is well shown.

The Weekly Ne

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[illegible] the meeting, [illegible] members.

[illegible] had a letter from Mr. Batchelder today; he has been botanizing on the sea shore (at Cohasset) for the first time in his life, and of course found very interesting things. He and his wife keep up their observations of birds as well as their studies of botany, and they have seen 98 species this year, (up to Oct. 5th), 3 new to them. Mr. Batchelder is a <u>very</u> acceptable lecturer, I judge, from the number of invitations he had last year in various places, and the new calls this year. He is doing good work as a naturalist, besides gaining a world of pleasure for himself and his wife, and we in our Botanical Society claim the credit of starting him on his course. We didn't make a botanist of him, — I doubt whether that can ever be done, — but he was a <u>born</u> botanist and didn't know it till his wife and friends of hers, and his too, who belonged to our association roused his interest. He became at once a valuable member and before the end of the first season was an authority admitted by us from the accuracy of his analyses.

When I sent you that little twig and berry from Lake Minnewaska I didn't tell you <u>one</u> guess, but you pronounced it Tupelo, — <u>Nyssa</u> — which was what I have advised my friend to turn to in his Manual, — I hadn't mine with me, or

article about them for the Bazar. It was not a formal obituary, and their names were only hinted at, but those who had known them understood. Dr. Goodale wants the fourth Pentstemon for the Gray Herb. He may have it.

Judge Churchill may well be surprised at Eupatorium purpureum not being in his Nantucket Catalogue; I was surprised myself when I was making up the list to have no report of it. I asked Mr. Dame & the local botanists about it, but no one had ever seen it. However, three or four years later, that is, in August 1891, Miss Mary Foster Coffin found one fine plant six or seven feet high near Miacomet Pond, and that is the only one reported till this that was sent to Judge Churchill.

Now can you give me Sometime a
[illegible] of this specimen & let me
know?

From Lake Minnewaska my
daughter & I went to Hossac Tunnel
a most beautiful place. The woods
there were rich in ferns, & we saw
[illegible], none that I knew & we failed
to press some Chaverias & lycopodiums
in Springfield as they appear
growth. There are [illegible] in
place that they are filling up with
coal ashes mixed with the other usual
dumping matter, can just live upon
two named mushroom, Coprinus Comatus. As we have never in a single in-
stance found it anywhere else, I wonder if
perhaps a [illegible] your father's acquaintance could tell
you that your neighbor's lawn where you
played as a child, was "made land"
within their memory. It is so certain
that some on coal ashes that I should
find [illegible] Gardens [illegible]

[illegible] Sale.

I will put in a violet for your
that we have found: Viola subsecuna, Nie-
ver. Scabriuscula, Torr. & Gray. The
plant was large & rank, but I
kept my specimens (two) in water
in view above pressing, and now
I have lost one; no great loss
for they were not good herbarium
specimens.

With best wishes for a
pleasant & profitable season
I work among the birds,
[illegible] regard to you & your
[illegible]

Very truly
Maria L. Green

Springfield, Oct. 15. 1887

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send the Pentstemons with this, and in addition to what I have put on the labels I will say that the plants were found in neglected poor land, overgrown with bushes and weeds; a few scrub oaks here & there. The spot had evidently never been under cultivation, and there was but one house anywhere near; that was a small, poor looking dwelling, with no garden from which these plants could have escaped, and the place was too far from a railroad to suspect introduction from that quarter.

Our botanical society meets weekly from May to October inclusive,

so that we are near the end of our season. We had a good meeting yesterday, — a number of mushrooms shown. Polyporus sulphureus, new to most of us, and Hypholoma herpeicus, not so new, but which we never felt sure of till yesterday; our specimens were good and we compared it to our satisfaction with the description in one of Prof. Peck's books.

Take your time to answer my "nice" letter; the word of praise will keep me along sometime! But a better reason is that I am busy enough merely to be very indulgent to all delays in correspondence.

Yours with kind regards
Thain L. Owen.

P.S. I was sorry to find when I took my plants out of press that they had been eaten, — not by the little herbarium pest, but by some insect on the specimens, in some stage, either egg or larva, when they went into press; egg, I guess, as I did not notice anything of the sort. I "saved the pieces" and you can put them together on the mounting sheet.

T. L. O.

Springfield, 1878

Dear Mr. Deane

I am my own publisher and think I may like to advertise the catalogue, but I must write to Nantucket first and see how many copies are left on hand there. I will write today, but I am afraid it shall be too late for the January number, which will be the best one for advertising. I'll try.

Yours very truly Maria L. Owen.

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Springfield Mass. 18 MAR 98

Mr. Walter Deane

9 Brewster St.

Cambridge

Mass.

The card and letter heading which I enclose are duplicates of what I have sent before, but there are doubtless duplicate little girls that you know, and some one may live to have them.

With all kind regards to you and your wife,

Yours sincerely,

Mark L. Pagan.

Springfield, Dec. 18. 1898.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have only half answered a number of your letters but I have kept them together, and will now take them up in order, going back to Oct. 23. In that you mention your Shakspeare Club; I have belonged to four in the course of my life, but never fifteen years to any one. That length of time must make it part of your life, — something "grappled to your soul with hooks of steel".

Have you distributed the Pentstemons yet? The last time I heard from Mr. Lloyd he had not received his, but that was some weeks ago. I have read Mr. Fernald's review of the Britton & Brown Manual, and it seemed to me very fair; it is very strange that the authors did not take more pains about getting the range of plants right.

Rhodora is certainly a charming name for the new journal. One of the aero-clubs

editors of The Springfield Republican is a lover of everything that grows; flowers have such a life and soul that it nearly kills him as well as them to pick one; he is a fair botanist, by which I mean that he knows all of our well plants except the very minute & obscure, in if he doesn't he can see in Manual well enough to make out their names, if he has a complete specimen. He was baffled by Myosurus – Tufts, as you may remember, but of that he had only a few leaves. What I am coming at is that he can write of nature as well as John Burroughs, Bradford Torrey, your learned Frank Bolles and all that class of lovers of the earth's beauty, and he gives us such an article in the Republican sometimes, and if Theodore reaches him it will be likely to bring out a notice which would be of use to the publishers. The Republican goes all through Western Massachusetts besides much farther and a complimentary copy might bring in a number of subscribers.

Hypochaeris radicata in Nantucket is a great surprise. Please tell me the collector's name, locality and date, and any thing else that ought to be entered in the Catalogue of Nant. plants. I think I have a list of discoveries since the Cat. came out worth printing on a leaf to be added; so far I have not found time to attend to it, but I can at least put the new finds on record on the blank sheets of my own copy.

Mr. Dame has some notions that he promised to give me; I saw him last June but have heard nothing since.

I am writing in advance of Christmas but I will keep my letter back and send with it a remembrance of the season and you; I meant to have the Calendar cover just the holidays from Christmas to Epiphany but it has run over a little. This is not botanical at all and so I offer it to Mrs. Deane as well as to you; she will probably remember to take off a leaf every day which you might forget to do. It goes with all good wishes for both. I am very glad to learn from one of your later letters that your wife is so well.

Springfield, Dec. 29. 1898.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Please excuse a postal card as a bearer of thanks for the Christmas Greeting which the pretty skater brings. She stands before me on my table where I write and is a joy whenever I look up; the coloring is beautiful. I have sent Dr. Robinson the address that he wanted, — and he had to put up with a postal card, — but I write Mr. Whiting a real letter. Company, past, present & to come, a trip to Northampton and many letters which I must write as soon as I can, take my time just now very fully, but some will be found for Rhodora. I hope Mrs. D. is quite well now. Regards to both. Yr. L. O.

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Wm. Waller Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Sped Jan. 3. 1879

I have in that Rhododendron, and am not sure that I ever saw it even, but I should think that Mr. Dame who reported it would certainly have kept a specimen.

M. L. O.

Happy New Year to you.

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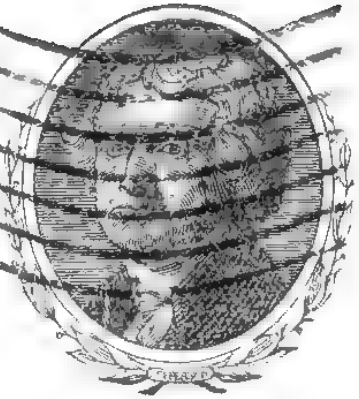

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Dwight T. Addis, Prof. Moore, H. H. &c. and many other college officers & students & the best people of the neighborhood who cared for our society attended the meetings.

Dr. Green came to our eighth meeting which was held at the Seminary, and brought specimens of Glonium which he made the theme of a pleasant and instructive talk; he spoke of the fertilization of Apios tuberosa, also. President Clark of Amherst was the delight and pride of our local membership what a talker he was! and he always came with his large botany box full of choice specimens. Those happy times! Nothing less than our complete record can tell of them adequately, but I will give you a few of the best known names from our list of signatures. C. H. Hitchcock of Dartmouth, and his brother Edward of Amherst, William S. Clark of Amherst Ag. College. Edward Tuckerman; D. P. Penhallow a young man then, who has made a name for himself since, Dr. D. T. Morgan & his wife Laura T. Morgan, both ardent students of fungi, and Prof.

Springfield Feb. 14. 1899

Dear Mr. Deane,

I did all the things that you wanted me to, to secure a notice of Rhodora in the Republican, but if one appeared it must have come out in the Sunday paper which I seldom see. However I think the journal will make its own way; it is very satisfactory.

What an escape Mr. Collins and his sister had from poisoning. I shall be as sure to let the Polistes alone after this as Mr Collins himself. I never died by one, however, — never found one in good condition. Judge Churchill's article was very interesting; the neighborhood of "Land's Things" reminds me of Nantucket in its wealth of rarities. I hope the Judge is well, — not sent off there for his health. I shall observe carefully the growth of Lycoperdon inundatum when I am in Nantucket again; that, with its variety ~~[illegible]~~ Bigelovii is common

known [illegible] a few [illegible]

The article on the N. E. Bot. Club was interesting, but it could tell the founders of one that they did seem to have heard of, and that is the "Connecticut Valley Botanical Society" founded in June 1873. At that time I had lived in Springfield twenty years and had hardly met a botanist in all that time, and of course I pined for companionship, so at last I took pains to seek the acquaintance of Miss Hatch, the teacher of botany at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, pulled the wires that got me invited up there, and then I laid before her my plan for stated gatherings of the botanists of the Valley. She approved and told me that Rev. David Pease of Whately would be sure to help me; when I wrote to him he was interested but said that Rev. Henry G. Lemon of Amherst would be an invaluable helper, — and so he proved. Then I invited the three to meet at this house June 10. 1873; they came, stayed a day and a night and we laid our plans, formed and adopted a Constitution and chose a president and secretary, leaving other officers unfilled. The first article of the Constitution is "The undersigned, for the promotion of the study of botany, and for mutual improvement in that science, form an association to be called the Connecticut Valley Botanical Society." Our two clubs are exactly alike, but it seems to me that the aims of these societies are the same. In one respect, however, the N. E. Bot. Club can if it insists upon that point, claim to be the first, — it is a club of gentlemen only, while ours was open to both sexes. I was secretary from the beginning to the end, and have as a valued perquisite (the only one that any body ever had) the book which contains the complete record. It was a very successful association. Our meetings were held in Amherst

very influential in creating that interest. There is an "Institute of Arts and Science" lately established in that city and an "Interrogation Club" and an "Audubon Society" formed since Mr. & Mrs. B. went back to live there, and they both take an active part in all of them.

Now that I have commended my cousins I will go back to Mr. Floyd. He is very modest and feels himself quite unworthy of the distinguished company that he meets at his Club, and there is no affectation either when he tells me so. But I feel sure that as an observer he is the equal of many far superior to him in learning; it seems as if no variation from a common form, however slight it may be, escapes his eye. I think you older and wiser men will find him a valuable member for what he will bring to your notice, and as he loves to learn from all sources, men, books & nature, he will grow more & more worthy of his association.

I hope that Mrs. Deane is as well as ever now, and that you have not had her grippe at all. Your affection has kept away from this family for which we are truly thankful.

With regards to both of you

Yours sincerely Maria L. Owen

in my way to be the same. The Times, J. G. Scott of the Westfield Normal School, Mr. Fenn Brooks, who has also become better widely known; I think he is President of the Ne. College now. Warren Higham then at Dartmouth. Mr. E. G. Dingle the well-known collector said he would come and authorized me to sign his name, but something prevented his attendance after all. The members were so far apart that we had but two meetings a year and later only one, and though that diminished to none, I feel that the society never died though it slept. Some of our members died however, and some moved far away, and botanists became more numerous in the Valley so that nobody was lonesome. We had a flourishing society in Springfield ~~before~~ while the Valley society was still holding its meetings, so these and some other causes led to the rest in its action which has not yet been broken.

I ought to say something about the members utterly unknown to fame who were drawn out by this association. People from little Country towns, women & men both, hard workers in bread winning occupations, who yet managed to find time for their beloved Science and to make progress in it. — They were born botanists, and that's the only way you can account for such things. A long story but I felt called on to say something for that dear old society, and I could no well say it in fewer words.

Mr. Floyd wrote to me about the new locality for Epipactis Helleborine, that your ornithological friend discovered, and of its mishap before reaching you. "Nothing too good for the baby" seems to be the law in many houses.

I feel a personal interest in your Club, I know so many of the members; some of them my relatives too, Ferdinand Matthews & Frederick Batchelder. Ferd (to give him the name that his cousins call him by) is a very nice fellow; his faults, for he certainly has one or two, are on the surface and only skin deep; the better you know him the more you find that is good and pure and lovable. Mr. Floyd told me of his talk on color at a late meeting. I am afraid Mr. Batchelder will not be able to attend any meeting till the weather is much milder. A letter of Jan. 21. tells me that he had been sick with "General Bronchitis" and is it that a queer disease? Well, it confined him to his bed three weeks and to the house two more, but he was so much better at the time of writing that he had been able to go up to Concord where he is organist at the Unitarian Church, and take up his interrupted Sunday work. He finds the winter climate of Boston very trying. Natural Science is creating much interest in Manchester now, and I feel sure that he and his wife have been

Springfield, Feb. 16. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I write this supplement to my last letter to ask if a collection of Hepaticae that I have would be of any use to the N. E. Club. It is so old that many of the names are superseded now, but the collectors were Oakes, W. S. Sullivant, J. D. Greene, Prof. E. Tuckerman, I. G. Lea and John Alvis Russell. Mr. Russell left it to me with a number of other similar things, by will. He died in 1871 (I think) and the collection is much older than that. It is not large, not more than twenty-five genera is my guess without looking over it, all in excellent order in the old-fashioned way of mounting. Mr. Russell's specimens are mostly from his own county, Essex, and Brattleboro, Vt., and range in time from 1840 to 1851; a few were collected in Maine in 1833-4. You know the study of the cryptogams was

not advanced in this country in the first half of this century and there may be of the commonest kinds, but these collectors were eminent in their time, as I need not tell you. Now if the Club would like them I will send them by express, prepaid to any place at any time that you may direct; on the other hand, don't accept if you think they are too old to be of use, — I dare say that is the fact, and it won't hurt my feelings in the least for you to say so.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Apr. 16. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Dr. Robinson may publish what he wants of my letter; I am glad to please him and feel much complimented besides. I don't remember, in detail, what I wrote, and I think if I had the letter back I might improve it, but I know just what Dr. Robinson thinks — that I should starch and stiffen it if I got it into my hands again, but I should not. However, let him have his own way, — I get rid of some trouble at any rate, and I am pretty busy, as usual. Paul did not tell you about the C.J.P.B.S. in two letters? I thought that the interest

you expressed in your first mention of the society led me on to tell you more about it in a subsequent letter. So I did, & please let the doctor have all all the material and make up the article as he likes. I hope it will be a page long so that I can have a few copies to send round to my friends — I think I should want twenty-five, although I would contrive to use them to advertise "Rhodora" besides incidentally glorifying myself. Perhaps Dr. Robinson will cut the account by leaving out Mr. Peck's letter; I consider it the very best part of ~~my~~ it ~~account~~, but perhaps it would make the article too long, and the editor is, without question, the best judge of that.

I had the dearest little houstonia root, all in flower, from North Carolina the other day. I think it was H. patens, Ell. It revived perfectly in water and spread out its little violet-purple flowers, and then I sent it travelling again to Mr. Floyd. Some weeks ago I had bulbs of Aplectrum hiemale from the same friend; I gave those to Mr. Canning of the Smith College botanical garden; he is a first class gardener, and an intimate friend of Mr. Cameron of the Cambridge bot. garden.

With regards to Mrs. Deane & yourself

Yours as ever

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Apr. 18. 1899.

Dear Mr. Deane, I feel pretty sure it was sent in a separate sheet.

I know I did not send Mr. Peck's letter, for it is fastened ~~it is fastened~~ into my (secretary's) book, but I copied it from beginning to end. Will you please look at the letter of Feb. 14. and see if it contains that copy? — not on a separate sheet but incorporated in the story. If it is not there, a letter got lost, and that is an uncommon thing in this climate as Gail Hamilton once remarked. If you have it then you have missed the best thing that I wrote.

M. L. Owen.

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Mr. Walter Deane

9 7 Brewster St.

Cambridge

Mass.

I am extremely busy as you may imagine. When I have been abroad before my husband arranged some things for me, my housekeeping went on as usual with Miss Coffin at the head, and I had no much to do but to pack my trunk and start. But now I am going to close the house, and I must arrange everything for that and also for my return. It does not seem as if I could accomplish it all, in addition to my daily work and the unexpected things that come in continually, but I shall get away at any rate. My cousin is going to Nantucket to stay all the time that I am gone.

I hope Mrs. Deane continues as well as when you gave such a good report of her health.

With best regards to both

Yours very truly

Mary L. Owen.

Springfield, May 15. 1890.

Dear Mr. Deane,

The proof of the Conn. Valley Bot. Soc. article came to me today and I have just finished correcting it. It set me to thinking again about the letter or letters to Mr. Did not I copy for you one that I received from Mr. Peck while we had our plans under consideration? But I can answer that question myself — I did copy it; what I want to know is whether you received it; if not, a letter of mine got lost, and that is a very uncommon thing.

A piece of news for you is that I am going to Europe for the summer, — my daughter, as usual, my companion. We are to sail June 7th

in the American from Boston, and have our return tickets for the Cleveland from London — September 21st, which gives us three full months on the other side. We shall not clear from the British Isles, unless we go over to Normandy for a short time. We both feel we want to see Italy, but summer is no time for southern Europe, and the weight of "our old bones" are insupportable, and the climate, so cool, allows us to travel without fatigue. We have never been in Ireland and we mean to go there first for a few weeks, then to South Wales, and spend all the rest of the time in ~~in~~ making our slow and devious way to London where we shall spend the last fortnight. But all this is subject to change.

I enjoyed your talking for summer we all made; if you go to Jaffrey you may meet my friend Miss Forman as you did once before. I believe you did not find out that she was a very fair botanist as well as a true lover of flowers. Her time through life has been much taken up with other things, so that she has not made botany as much of a study as she would have been glad to do, but she can appreciate others' work.

Some botanical matter came to me a short time ago, but with nothing to indicate the sender. The pamphlets ~~was~~ contained articles by Dr. Robinson and Mr. Fernald. I am much obliged for the attention, but do not know where to send some friends.

[illegible] Jan 25. 1877.

[illegible] I [illegible] at [illegible] with
my address: Course you mean to use it and if [illegible]
do I shall be still more pleased. [illegible]
from there my letter will be care of Trübner & Co
forwarded. London
England.

6th species [illegible] in [illegible]!
I [illegible] to [illegible] and
let [illegible] know. I have [illegible] to
[illegible] this [illegible] your [illegible] values this year.
May 20 - Is there a little
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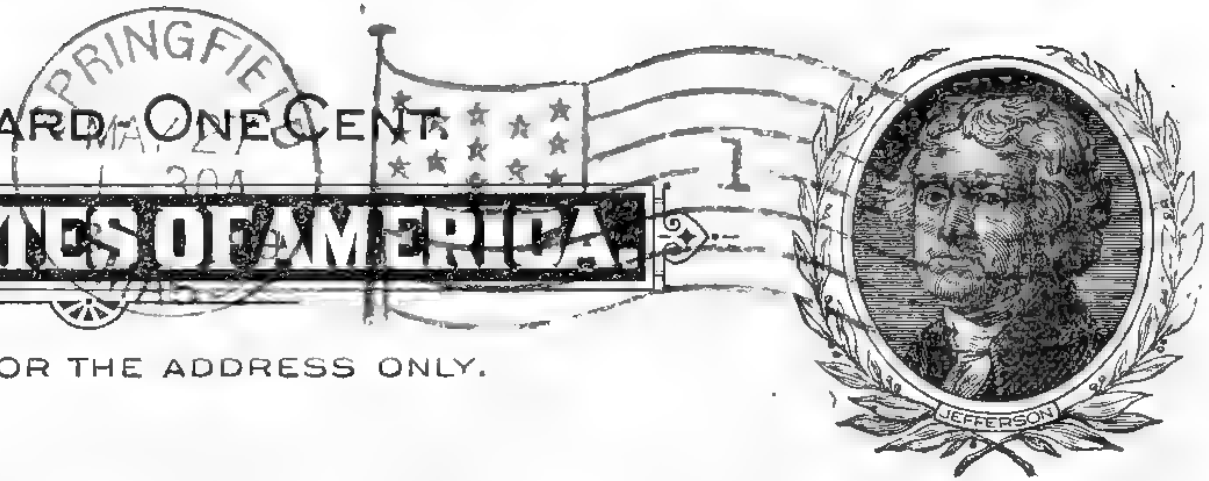

Mr. Frater Deane
7 Dunster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield Oct. 5. 1896.

Dear Mr. Deane

I got home three days ago, but did not receive your letter till last evening. I had previously found that Mrs Barnard in Nantucket had not sold a single copy of the Catalogue this year, so I shall discontinue my advertisement. Your preceding letter showed by its date that I was on the ocean when it was written; it reached me somewhere in Ireland — in Dublin perhaps. I have no time for writing letters yet, for I find much more than the usual fall work to be done about the house, and shall not get settled for a month. What do you think of my being obliged, at this season of the year, to have my whole furnace taken apart for some internal repairs?! But on the other hand I have a new girl who is going to prove a jewel I feel sure, and this is a compensation for which I am not ungrateful. I am ready to have letters though not to answer them. With regard to you & your wife I remain very truly Yours

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Mr. Walter Deane
9 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Dunsyneil Dec. 23. '79

Dear Mr. Paine,

I just saw a little "Christmas" paragraph in the Press & a reminder. I hope you have received a copy of the little volume by the time — and that it may be found for practical purposes, as this will make a bright spot on your writing desk, and is a souvenir of Edinburgh time & friendship.

I wish I had time to write you a letter, but I never had a busier three months in my life than these last, since I got home Oct. 1 — I have not even been able to touch the special flowers that I collected abroad — they lie in the crates & tied up utensils & boxes, just as I packed them in Dublin and again in Wales — you will see

in further proof of an incessant employment. [illegible] time that I wish [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and a [illegible] [illegible] and I also that it [illegible] same time in your [illegible] I would it most [illegible] to [illegible] of your summer and the many small [illegible] of [illegible] -

Yours very sincerely

Maria L. Owen

P. S. Your postal card came early in the month and I re-directed it as desired the minute it arrived, and it started again at the next postman's collection. M. L. O.

so that the wicked Anne Hathaway had never been born, — yes, — and she should wish so, just the same, if she had all the money the visitors paid — Now was it that worth going out to hear?

But I have not mentioned yet why I wanted to write to you about Stratford. I found that I thought it possible, conceivable even, that it had been reserved for me to add something new about the epitaph — "Good friend" &c.? No, it is not possible, still I never heard, and never saw in print, what came into my mind from something that I learned on the spot. It must have occurred to many, but their observations never reached me.

In Shakspeare's time there was, close to the church, a "bone-house", a place into which human bones from the church yard were thrown from time to time to make room for new burials. There they lay, visible at all times, these ghastly objects, — and if the thought even is horrible to us, that must the sight have been to the sensitive, imaginative man that Shakspeare undoubtedly was? It is easy to fancy the shuddering aversion with which he passed the dreadful place when he must, — we may be sure he kept away

Springfield Jan. 9. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

At this late date I send my thanks for your pretty card of greeting at Christmas. It has not been "out of sight & out of mind" for it stood up amongst my numerous unanswered letters and memoranda the only pretty thing there, and when I took up it rest me to dwell upon the little blue flowers for a minute. My cousin wishes to join her thanks with mine for your remembrance of her.

I wrote Mr. Floyd a long letter a few days ago, and asked him to send it to you — when convenient. When Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson was abroad she wrote "encyclicals" to her friends — why should not I? In fact I did all summer. I want to correct a glaring error in this letter to Mr. F. I said that Milton's "Comus", which he wrote in Ludlow Castle, was acted at once by the children of Sir Henry Sidney who was living

here was no Prince of Wales. This was a hiccup. Quite wrong information on the one we had to pass the Bustleham of the pile old ruin, I suppose, — but when even a ruined it up, or merely reflection had done away the possibility of the statement, for I am not quite an ass — Jennings in history. Sir Philip Sidney if he was a Queen Elizabeth who died in the early age of 17 could not have been acting in a "masque" in the time of Charles I. It was really the Earl of Bridgewater who had Ludlow Castle in Milton's early years, and it was his children who took the parts in the play.

I went over from Hereford to Stratford-on-Avon. Now I seem to hear you saying "Just as if I wanted to hear that tiresome old Stow again for the ninety-ninth time." Have patience. When I was in Leamington eight years ago, I would not go to Stratford although it is very near; I heeded Mr Richard Grant White's advice; but when in Hereford, much farther off, I resolved to go. Mr. White was a great Shakespeare scholar, I reasoned, — I, only a little one — I had no ideas and preconceptions enough to cause me serious discomfort even if they did not be confirmed. I was glad that my daughter Grace for a trip but we made no objection. When Jane went you know — from Grandel with Americans — house full house, crowded — all rooms there are — I am to come — to Bath the recession, when I came out of course not true told, you know, I had learned after, whether little William was born in the garden or the cellar — whether he was from old — Ah Richard, you were so right for me, so for yourself —

"I had a vision of my own,
Ah, who said I ought to?"

Yet there are good things in Stratford, and if the day had not been one of American tears, I should have had a good time after all, that is, if I had been wise enough to keep away from "The House" for instance. We drove over to Shottery, — too hot to take the pleasant short cut on foot. Same procession of sightseers, listening to the explanations which the poor lady who has charge of the place was repeating for the ten-thousandth time. She told one of

You told me of the Ornithological Club among those that you belong to & is Mr. Geo. H. Mackay a member? I know him very well, and know his great interest in birds.

Yours L.C.

when he died; and we may be sure that the feelings of the child never wore off, and that the thoughts of what might be done with his own bones drew from him the imploring cry of his epitaph. Now, to come to the practical conclusion of the matter, I believe that the grave might be reverently opened, the contents inspected and recorded for all future time, and then all restored & left in its present ~~[illegible]~~ condition, with no danger of calling down the curse upon those who did the deed. Delia Bacon said there were documents buried with the man — I was going to say "the poet," but, according to her, he was not the poet — documents that would prove her theory. Her heart failed her when she went with the proper assistants to "move the stones," but I am so strong in this new belief of mine, that I think my heart would fail, only I should want a goodly number of helpers & the church brightly lighted and the choir singing anthems all the time. I have an

imagination too. But is it this explanation of the epitaph's meaning is plausible enough? — more than plausible? And do tell me if the theory is well known, even if it is not. I never happened to read it.

Stratford is very interesting, and Mr. White & I took it by the wrong end, so to speak. We went to enjoy it & get the good of its associations, & to go there for a week, — no less, but even more than that time, — and to go before or after the tourist season. There are places in the town where we could spend hours with pleasure, where we stayed only minutes, and there are delightful places in the neighborhood, for short excursions.

We had but about fifteen minutes to mourn over the interior of the Church. This ought to have been kept in perfect repair of course, but exactly as it was when Shakspeare was buried there; now they are putting in stained glass windows and encaustic tiles, and carvings and all sorts of fussy things that do not at all suit the place, & the money for them. I should want an hour & a half to mourn and ponder and then leave it forever, shaking the dust from my feet. I should guide them straight there, if we had time and pleasure, where the man had walked in more serious business.

I shall write no more letters of this sort — a volume would perhaps — though for myself I am delighted when my friends send me long epistles, if they only will demand the same in return, and know we are perfectly free to answer as & when we please.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane as well as yourself

(over) Yours sincerely Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Feb. 10 - '[illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

I shall not scold a bit about your receiving my letters. "Put everything to its best use" is the rule of the good housekeeper; the "best-uses" from the table have to reappear in some appetizing form, and old rags live through almost as many lives as a cat before it is condemned to the rag-bag, and even then I bethink myself that some old rag-mag-maker could use it, and I save it for her; and my letters come under the same rule, as long as they can please or profit anybody, let them circulate.

And what a return I get! A letter from Dr. Rolfe is a prized favor. I suppose you have received it from my daughter before this and the Folk-Lore Record too; I knew she would enjoy reading both as she went to Stratford with me.

Now I have another Shakspearean topic - the

DR STEBBINS FOR DR CHAPIN.

To the Editor of The Republican:—

In your issue of the 26th there appears this item: "Mayor-elect Hayes has talked with six physicians who signed a petition for the reappointment of City Physician Chapin, and only one is willing to stand by the petition, the other five saying they signed it merely as a matter of courtesy." I rejoice that there was one wise, to live foolish, a poor showing though it be. One alone had the courage of his convictions; the other five have confessed they had not. If the five who signed under conditions named, call it courtesy, I fancy Candidate Dr Chapin would much rather the courtesy had been withheld. I was not one of the six physicians the mayor-elect talked with, so I can do just a little talking on my own account. I signed Dr Chapin's petition, although his bearing toward me has always seemed to have been anything but courteous and cordial, but I charged his up to his account of personal peculiarities, of which we all have our share. Then why did I sign the petition? Because, from Dr Chapin's long experience and faithful attention to the duties devolving upon him as city physician, I felt assured beyond question that he was the best qualified for the place, and ought to have it, not for his own sake, but the city's good.

G. S. STEBBINS.

Springfield, December 26, 1899.

Dear Mr Editor — I believe I have seen it, ~~but~~ — "The morning" I say, Sir — and can tell you what "morning" there is in it" is meant. I wonder that the author, — did not put it at the head of his notes for he could not, very easily, guess it —

I think I can tell the fact of those in the petition, — the petition, — will be found to say, for I have no doubt the decline from a few "personal peculiarities" even in the short time that I've been in this town. He's being queer. I suppose he is the best city physician we ever had, and I hope he may keep that position, for he can't keep his place as family physician in many homes, — people won't stand such manners as he has —

might still be made by botanists who could spend a week on the island late in the autumn; and I think the list of species is in no means complete — any one who could go in June might find some that had escaped Judge Thacher's. Who has I suppose collected as many as anybody — more than anybody else of that order.

I am always glad to hear from you but I fear in case you delay your return & this till you have had another meeting of the Club and can tell me if I can get any help there.

I was glad to learn in your last letter that you and Mrs. Deane were both well. With kind regards to both

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

He is a good botanist, a quick and close observer, and would, I think enjoy advanced work and original research if he had time for it. I like him very well as far as I have anything to do with him — and see him three times a year — but disapproved thoroughly of many of his ways that I learn I should.

I am going to take time now to make out a list of the plants found in Nantucket since the Catalogue came out. I think there are about fifty — full half of them introduced, but some twenty or more natives — nice finds. I shall need help and I plan to send the list to Mr. Dame for his revision and for additions, — you know he goes to Nantucket almost every summer. I will write to Mr. Collins and ask him for additions to the algae. Mrs. Robinson may have a few names

of flowering plants to I shall write to her. You can help me at the Club by mentioning my proposed work and asking for contributions. I think Dr Fuller may give me some grasses; I have somewhere that he had two peculiar forms of Panicum from Nantucket. Others may have in their herbariums such unexpected treasures as Mr. Williams's Lycopus rescilipilus and Mr. Manning's Hypoxis. I would want to add new stations of a few plants — the rarest. Do you think Dr. Robinson would like to have the list for publication in "Rhodora"? Mr. Lloyd judged that he would from the Dr.'s remarks to him. If so, you could help me by conferring with him and letting me know his ideas & wishes as to the final form. Now what do you think of that scheme? Suggestions and advice gratefully received. One thing more about the time of publishing. You know Mr. Dame will not be able to do much before the summer vacation, and Mrs. Robinson is a very busy woman; her husband is a teacher and I think she helps him in some way; I don't know but that it is a boarding school that he has — that would take her work enough in addition to the care of her own young children. Considering these things, I know I could not get replies from all before July or August, and as this is in the midst of the collecting season I had better set the time for closing the list rather later — wait as long as there was hope of anything new coming in. Mr. Dame & I get satisfied that very nice discoveries

pains to get it back. I am not sure upon it.

I saw in the Republican last week that the white-winged crossbill — a number of them in fact, had been seen in Forest Park, — the first time for several years, — and this morning's paper has this little item.

> The graceful sparrow-hawk has been added to the list of birds that have been seen about the library grounds during the past week.

You are looking out for the Spring visitants, of course. May you be rewarded by the sight of many!

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Feb. 20. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged, very much, for the light upon that poem which you reflect upon me from Dr. Rolfe. You that I know, I wonder that I did not think myself that "The" phrase was a different thing from "A" phrase, for I am rather a close observer of language, — so is the lady who gave me the poem. I made no copy of it before sending it to you, and I should like to have it returned, — though, perhaps, you have given it away to Dr. Rolfe or somebody else. If so, don't take any

and studies that would be of value.

And Eleocharis diandra we may find here; I am going to put Dr. Chapin up to seeking it. We both know where Hemicarpha subsquarrosa grows, and it is exactly the place for that Eleocharis to appear in.

Judge Churchill's article on his Drosera was interesting. "Rhodora" always has something nice in it.

Yours with kind regard

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Mar. 14. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

I wrote you for the Hypochoeris notes; I will keep them safe, and if you ever want them back for the Club, will copy & return them. What a good find, for Mr. Manning! I know the very spot and if I go to Nantucket this coming summer as I hope to do, I shall look up the plant without fail.

I have no specimens of any of the Cotty revised genera — I never collected anything but those things rare in New England, — I put them into our Society herbarium. I shall try a little later to induce some of the Nantucket ladies to go out and look for Antennarias. If Mr. Dame spends his vacation there, he will be, as he was before, an invaluable helper. He has for some years been studying the Willow herb (Epilobium), and has found well marked varieties if not new species.

I hope some of your club members will spend some of their summer holidays in Nantucket. What better collecting ground near at hand could they possibly find? And the island is generous — she has still new gifts for all who will seek them.

I hope you have received Dr. Rolfe's letter from my daughter by this time. I wrote to her about it. She is very careful & reticent about such things, but she had an attack of the grip which lasted for a week, and took her life & strength right out of her. She said she did nothing beyond what she was absolutely forced to do. But she is well now, and I guess you will see the letter again. He asked if we could not get the number of the Courant in which it (the poem) appeared, and perhaps the author's name "Upon that hint I spake". I wrote to the editor — and in was, I assure you, a polite complimentary, winning letter. I told him I would not ask any favor for myself — that is, I would not encroach on his time for myself, only a little Shakespeare scholar, but that it would oblige Dr. Rolfe, a great Shakespeare scholar, if he would let me know when the poem appeared. Then I repeated Dr. Rolfe's praise of it. That must have been a fortnight ago — my diary says Mar. 2 — and no reply! I call it ungentlemanly not to speak when you are spoken to civilly. I put a stamped envelope directed to myself into the letter — did my part thoroughly — and he might have said as much as "I don't know".

I found suggestive things in the Maron "Rhodora". Who knows but that Bartonia iodandra may be found in our peat moss! not in peat moss, however. And Solidago asperula, too! Oh, that I were a score of years younger! Or if I could go back to my old home for one whole year, and so "take things easy" I could, even now, make some observations

Sb'd Mar. 22. 1900

Dear Mr. Dean,

Is Dr. Swan living? I wrote him a letter asking for his help towards the supplement, particularly in the grassy, and then, thinking that he might have moved from his old home in Worcester St. looked in the Directory for his address, — and his name was not there at all. What can you tell me of him?

M. L. O.

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Mr. Walter Deane

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The Courant

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Hartford, Conn., April 25, 1900.

Mrs. Maria L. Owen,

383 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

Dear Madam:-

I find your letter on my desk which apparently ought to have been answered before and which must have been overlooked by mistake. I am utterly unable to trace the poem which you ask about. We do not keep an index of the paper.

Yours very truly,

C H Clark

Editor The Courant.

This will show that I did what I could to learn the name of the author of "The Shakespearean Phrase". My letter that got overlooked was written March 2. M-L-O-

to look for Ranunculus acris var. stevenii. It may be as common here as in Northampton when Mrs. Perry finds it. She told me about a month ago that she was studying the different forms of the Buttercup.

Mr. Batchelder & his wife have gone to Europe for the summer. They will see more flowers & birds than I ever did abroad, for I always kept to the British Isles, and they will begin in Italy go to Switzerland then to Paris, and so will see a flora & fauna quite different from ours. They will have a good time, but there is plenty of it on this side of the ocean and I wish you and your wife a good share of it. Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield June 4. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

I suppose you will be starting for the country soon, so although I don't owe you a letter I will write a few more orange lines, and send you an article on arbutus that I wrote a while ago. I don't know whether you ever saw the articles that I wrote years ago on this matter. Then I brought out more proof, and because I brought it out then I couldn't produce it now. Two items that I gloried in were these, one that Dr. Gray in his Manual put an accent on the first syllable of the word used as the common name of the

Epigaea long before the time at which I was writing, and that he had done it of set purpose, as ~~there~~ it was the only place in the whole book where he had indicated the accent of a popular name. Somebody ~~can~~ I told me afterward of one more, but I did not know it at the time. The other was that Dr. Goodale had done the same on the label of the glass Epigaea in the Blaschka Collection. Both of these gentlemen knew the right way of pronouncing the word and both knew the prevalence of the woful error. But the right way is gaining; in the May number of the Atlantic there is a long poem — I "In Time of Indecision" is the name I think, — which contains this word with the right accent, and yet about a dozen years ago, my friend Mrs. Emily Shaw Forman, offered that magazine a sonnet which the editor praised except for the word arbutus which he told her was not thus accented. She offered to alter the line and substitute Mayflower for the offending word, assuming him at the same time that she was not wrong in her accent.

I will wrap with the Inquirer something else that I wrote a few weeks ago; I send it with my compliments to Mrs. Deane, for the subject is one that is more likely to interest a lady than a gentleman.

I hope Miss Day went to Nantucket last week as she was planning to do; at this season she will have a pretty good chance to find new things, and I am hoping she will have as good success as she did on Mt. Equinox in 1898. What a lift she brought from there!

Here in Springfield we are going

I wish I could [illegible] Cranberries [illegible],
that year [illegible] that [illegible]
R. Fairbrother had made it [illegible] in [illegible]
a [illegible] year. I don't know [illegible] no [illegible]
[illegible] of climbing roses, but this was not the
right kind. But the land within was overrun
with a mass of vegetation up to a man's [illegible]
in some places, and besides, there are two Chase
places and it might have been the other. I told
Mrs. Robinson about it however, and she promised
to do what she could, though with her young
children to look after she does not go out collect-
ing as she used to. When I am on the island I
am amongst old friends who pay me all sorts
of kind attentions. In the fourteen days that I
was there I was taken out to drive six or
seven times, I was invited to picnics & lunches,
and received and returned many calls. I stayed
with Mrs. Starbuck whom you will remember;
her house is always my home when I am on
the island, and she took me out to her Scen-
ic house where we spent three days &
nights. Not much time left for poking round the
point. I wonder if you have Almanac Pond
distinctly in your mind. That was all dried
up so that you could walk over the bottom
anywhere — not pleasant walking however, it was
so cracked.

How fortunate you were to have a fresh

[illegible]

[illegible] Bee
[illegible] Museum, and [illegible]
[illegible] that
[illegible] might be found if [illegible]
There is a [illegible] dense [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] and
[illegible] the [illegible] to bring to it [illegible]
neighborhood — [illegible] it
adding to the [illegible] and [illegible]; who knows
What a botanic [illegible] this may prove [illegible]!
Certainly it is a good beginning to have
these perplexing [illegible] named by [illegible]
[illegible] authority. I had these named by Mr.
Fernald last Tuesday in the short call that I
made at the Herbarium, and now I send you
What I suppose is S. Canadensis, the type, or near
enough to it not to be either of the named varieties.
I will enclose one of the lower leaves. And
will you tell me if "procera" which is the
way it stands in the Manual ed. 6 is accented
right. The question lies between the Manual & my

[illegible] [illegible] — the little [illegible],
"[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible]; these [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to me. [illegible] [illegible] them up from near the [illegible], the [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] high.

Upon [illegible] [illegible] Nantucket. I [illegible] see [illegible] [illegible] of your description, but [illegible] time I [illegible] it [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], R— [illegible] was common among them but [illegible] plant disappear. There is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], growing in [illegible], [illegible], and also in cultivated ground where it [illegible]. [illegible] in size that I wondered at first if it could be another species — but it was it. I suppose you have it already, but if not I can give you good specimens. I found Tillaea again in Nantucket at the same place, but this time it was growing in the water all intermixed with Elatine + Limosella — a perfect tangle. I pressed a little, but sent the most of it in bulk to Mr. Floyd + Mr. Williams who [illegible] [illegible] pleased with it. I was surprised to find at the Herbarium that the plant so far was known in New England only in Nantucket + New Haven, but I still think that it is less rare than it seems, — people will find it when

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] of the edge of [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] make no show among the other vegetation [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the silt that collect in such places. Then when it grows in the mud as I found it in '86 but not this year it makes a close, bright green sod, looking so exactly like Myriophyllum ambiguum, var. limosum, [illegible]. That I fear, alas! that I have passed it many a time in my native isle without a second look. I wonder if Mrs. Robinson gives me any credit for her discovery. Her letter which accompanies the specimens would show; it lies there on the mounting sheet, and I never thought to read and see what she said. Not much jealousy in my disposition — I have not a bit — if there were, I should certainly have pounced on that communication, but after I got home Curiosity woke up in me. Mrs. R. in telling me of her delightful find, says that she should not have made it out if I had not put her on the track. When you are at the Herbarium some time won't you look + see what she wrote. If she does not mention my name I shall care very little, but I have always given her the whole credit, hardly mentioning my own part in the matter

Bill proof! – I know I have changing & [illegible] treatment – I know what I eat indulgence & [illegible] troublesome.

Mr. Fay showed me the list of her out-door excursions & I see we have almost been determined – the second time with them, but I was in one list – Nothing out that we might have found anywhere along the coast – not a single one of our distinguishing flora. Adiantum pedicides was the most uncommon of all, and we didn't think much of that – I see that the best time for a botanist is when they generally go – in July & August. Amongst her common plants there was one not reported before – Erigeron bellidiflorus – Robin's Plantain. This has come in with the summer visitors doubtless; if it were a true native of the island it would not have waited till this time to show itself –

Mr. & Mrs. Batchelder had a thoroughly delightful time, – came home well & happy perhaps six weeks ago.

I wish I knew whether Berkeley's Cryptogamic Botany is still a reliable guide for a beginner in this branch of the science –

of an ideal manual. Prof. Farlow gives one, but it is not a time-saver. How many botanists does that make?

But if Trelease can supply my wants and answer my questions with little trouble if he only finds of them at the right time. Mr. John Lewis Russell gave me my copy, published in 1857, — left it to me by will together with his "best microscope" and all of his botany that I chose to take, and he had told me before of this book that it was "a treasury of modern science and just what a tyro wants on the subject", but it may be superseded by this time —

I hope you and Mrs. Deane had a pleasant summer and returned from the country well rested and refreshed —

With regards to both

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

P.S. Of course I can hunt up actors & gaideniosp in the Manual and put on names good enough for all ordinary purposes — nineteenth of them absolutely rare, but that is close enough for a botanic garden; that must settle questions beyond appeal, so I mean to have these plants well studied for. M.L.O.

& the old time rules.

I wonder that you have sit a slenty of R. acris, stevenii, when it is so common in many places. I wish I had pressed some when I was in Indiana. I will send some Bartsia of different sizes and with the best fruit that I could find, but I noticed that the pods did not seem well filled out in any specimens. The difference between the plant in ploughed land and in the pastures was so great that I wondered at first if there were not two species, but I could detect no variation in the character — the difference was only in size. Those great bushes growing amongst the beans & squashes & potatoes, and the little things in the pastures blooming on plants less from two inches high, formed a curious contrast.

Alvah A. Eaton is a close observer, but I never knew that he had found Lillaea — a proof of my

Springfield Oct. 16. 1900

Dear Mr. Pearce,

I must set you right about our Science Museum; you never saw it for it has been built since 1895 and made for visitors less than about two years. The Art Museum which you visited was completed in the spring of '95 and Mr. Smith put into it enough of his art treasures to make a splendid exhibit for our guests, but now every room is filled, almost crowded, and we need the addition that was planned for at the beginning; it will be put on (and will be the main building really) as soon as there is money enough. The large hall on the first floor was used for a Nat. History Museum, but that collection outgrew its quarters, so generous friends gave the money for a new building, and the hall in the Art Museum was then altered to adapt it to its new use as a hall of sculpture.

X But I guess there was nothing in it when you were here.

That is one trouble, for it is arranged in the modern way and our texts are old fashioned and will be nice, as I have time I can be exhibitor a Chalk Cutting or so I cannot be - I will send you the last report of the City Ins. Ass. You will not read it though but if you will look at the dates and the passages I have marked you will understand just how things are.

Mr. Tabbing depends on me for the names of his asters and goldenrod, and I am determined that they shall be authoritative (they must be, to be of any use) so where I am not positive, I hope I may send more specimens for your decision, but that will be another year. I am much obliged for the names you have already given me.

I am very critical in all the matter of language, spoken or written, (but not unkindly so, I am sure,) and there are few things in the Manual that I question. Mr. Ward is no more as no one else was then - E.g. "Pícris" in ed. 6, "Acris" is tiny marked in nightly, for I did a mile in the Latin Grammar that I studied when a pretty small child to the effect that a mute + a liquid following an accented vowel must be divided, except when the accent is on the penult in which case the two consonants go together — then if à-cris why not pic-cris? And again Tabbing "procera" had a short e in the penult it would throw the accent in speaking back upon the ante-penult, and the o would take the e to itself and it would be pro-cé-ra. But they may have changed the rules in these latter days, although I never suspected it, because the great - the overwhelming majority of the words in the Manual conform

pod turned back as they did in this redoubled arrangement. The next day, they revealed a mimic chrysalis three inches long and as thick as my thumb. It might have deceived the very elect till they had dissected it, if the curious thing had been brought to them with no information as to where it was found. I can lend you a good account of it in print soon. It is about as rare in this country as Podonia pendula in New England.

With regards to you & Mrs. Deane

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

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supposition that it is more common (or let me say less rare) than generally supposed.

About "Berkeley's Cryptogamic Botany" I only wanted to know if it was still of enough value for me to give it (i.e. my copy) to the Catharine L. Howard Scientific Library. I am not studying cryptogamia very earnestly; my chief interest in them just now is in the calabee mushrooms, and of I don't know them all myself — all found in this neighborhood — I guess our botanical society does with the united knowledge of its members. We have all the books of reference we need, both English & American including Capt. McIlvaine's late work.

At the foot of the preceding page

I began on something that it would have taken too much time to carry out so I stopped short, and cut it short.

I met Mr. Webster on a Saturday from last August and can well believe that he is as you say, a charming man; I found him very agreeable in the short conversation I had with him.

I am hoping to see Mr. Hatchelder here in Springfield soon. How fortunate he is in finding rarities — I am thinking of Pogonia tenuiculis now: I found Epipinum Cheiranthoides in 1861 in a friend's garden — how it came there nobody knew. Aspidium Boottii grows not far from us, but I don't remember the localities — Dr. Chapin & Mr. Stebbins know.

You had some conversation on the topic that called you home: Miss Jeane's father is better I trust. An herbarium of 35000 sheets is something to delight in.

I have read many a magazine article on oriental land by Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore and always found them interesting. I have no doubt I shall enjoy "China the long-lived Empire" when I get it.

An Akebia vine not far from this house has borne fruit this year, and the owner of the place never perceived it till about ten days ago when it had reached its full size, but he bestirred himself then and called in his neighbors, and by their advice summoned the entomologist next — and no wonder, for when the vines of the

Notes on the printed report.

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p. 11 - Such has been the [illegible] of his collection rather within what might be called the [illegible] period which began when he was a lad of fifteen, - some fifty years ago - and has never flagged, but has set increasing all the time in practice & the study of the best art here & abroad, for he has spent years in Europe. His collection is the cream of the cream of his acquisitions, for whenever he has obtained a better thing in some line than he already had he has parted with the old one, and put the new in its place -

pp. 12, 13, 21, 22, are marked that need no comment.

p. 44 - Again I say - no scattering exaggeration.

pp. 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 60 - need no comment -

The plan of the grounds & buildings opp. p. 19 will

The place of
[illegible] + [illegible] to
[illegible] from Berlin.
The two lawns at the north
and south of the art mu-
seum are [illegible] experiments.
The building [illegible]
from the [illegible]. For
the wild plants there is one
the space between the walk
west of the museum and the
boundary fence - I will mark
it a [illegible]. It is about 10 ft.
wide from [illegible] to the corner, and
from there to [illegible] about 20 ft.
The heating plant is throughout
neat and as inconspicuous as
possible, but besides that
it is screened by tall orna-
mental annual plants + shrubs, with
an outer ~~screen~~ hedge of that handsome
~~shiny leaf~~ glossy leaved willow,
and the whole ground are
kept in exquisite order.

Old Corn. McElwaine's appeared, and all the American works, Capt. Palmer's &c. &c. Mr. T. Gibson's too, which is helpful as far as it goes, and that is not very far. We have an excellent City Library and these books have been at our service for years, so Mr. Webster need not try to recall their names, and he need not go back more than six months. We made great progress this last season, and our two show were really beautiful. No hurry about consulting Mr. Webster.

With best wishes for the

coming year for yourself &

Mrs. Dean.

Your sincere friend,

Wm. L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 24, 1900.

Dear Mr. Dean,

Just as I was sitting down to write to you the letter carrier rang in your Christmas greeting — yours and Mrs. Dean's, so I can only add my thanks and reciprocal good wishes to both.

I have owed you a letter for two months, and it is time I let you know that I am well — one thing I have is much of importance to tell. Some weeks ago I saw in a Vermont paper that Mrs. Mm. C. Horton had found a fern in Brattleboro' new to the local botanists, so it was sent to Mr. Cambridge and it proved new to Dr. Robinson & Mr. Davenport, though it was plainly an asplenium. Have

You see — or heard of it? I wonder that it has not been reported in "Torreya" — or the December number Prof. Baily (N.Y.) Tells of Ficus carica. I growing in New Orleans in Providence and Louisville; I wonder if he never read the notice in the Nurseryman's Catalogue. I suppose the tree has been growing in Nantucket for twenty-five years or more. I have not had the indispensable help for the supplement, so I have done nothing about it. I don't care, for I have plenty of other work, and may be able to boil six two or three plants in Nantucket next summer that I know about & wanted to see last August, but the excessive heat prevented. Judge Churchill, Mr. Collins & Dr. Swan would give me their list at a few days' notice — "on demand" I might say, but Mr. Dane who could give me more new material than anybody else has not written to me for a year or more — he is writing enough but he never gets time. Now I can talk about the same of Miss. Robinson; she has quite a number of new names, the top, and if she could get her revised at the Botanical Department of Columbia, they would be valuable. ~~He~~ She can always get help there, but she claims that time is a dear one.

Prof. Setchell of the University of California reports Isoetes duckermani, Braun. I.. able as a new name, but is it a novelty? If so I will try to collect some for my friend, for he told me just where it grew. He offered to find out for me the best books on any particular subject so I will get you to ask Mr. Hollis Webster if he can recommend any late American book for mushroom students. We have Mc Elvaine's which came out this last fall, and everything that we wanted before that. The English works both botanical & scientific that have been our best guides

Springfield, Jan. 3. 01

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have just finished the article which I enclose and had taken this part to write about it to Dr. Robinson and then it occurred to Theodora, when a new idea made me pause. It wasn't that the article might not be wanted — there's nothing — but I thought of those fern collectors that I have read of in the papers, who collect every fern they can laid on which will bring money in a foreign market, and send them abroad regardless of the name the man has. I have read that they have almost exterminated Adiantum ebeneum in the eastern part of the state, and that all other "ferns" gathered for that purpose are left some. Isn't nothing

would I would like to take them into new collecting grounds of these animals, so I changed my mind and am writing to you instead of to Dr. Pease. Think it over, and then do write to him or not according to your judgment. If it is not printed I should like to have it read some time, for I have no copy of it and I know some friends who have never had a chance to visit it. Those who would be interested in this account of it. But you needn't return it — or give it to Mr. Floyd some time — I suppose you always meet him at the club meetings — and he may keep it and read & lend it, and [illegible] then send it back. But I will write to him about it myself.

Then I saw in the Tribune his list of
what he had to see in good repair
of Poets Laureate. I sign I had seen
the best summer when the sand was
so low.

Mr. Fielder wrote to me most
kindly about books on Mushrooms,
and Mr. Dana, our librarian, is going
to get all that he recommended.
Only a day and two days ago
I met, in Danvers, his
of the plants he collected in Tantiusques
last spring (or in the early summer);
he said, and from that I inferred that
they had been determined for
him, and could be depended on. I was surprised at
the character of her collections – so many
common plants and so few of those that
are rare on the main land; in fact,
I should say that there was not one
in her list that I should have found

Pleased at that time when, to have is a lasting satisfaction. I have not the pen that I know. I was indeed with the additions & the catalogue which I found in her pig. Several varieties a leaf in two and a crown; Weldy that Helianthemum majus and Viola Cluberium, Fitz. Which I must look up in Britten & Brown as they are not in Eng. ed. 5. and Galium Corsicum & Asterotrichum officinale, R.Br. which have hitherto been overlooked, much to am surprised. Even Eric Fl. 23, I do am pleased to get any new name only I did not the rest & some varieties.

Don't that round out about my paper. No more.

Yours with kind regards

Thomas E. Duncan.

Springfield, Feb. 4. Dear Mr. Clark, we send the article in search for publication, & am glad that you and Dr. Rowan think that it will not be a retrograde in our good mountain & the cause of Free Soil in Kansas. I am glad, too, that there was an article in the Free State in the Free Bulletin, vol. IV No. 1 by A. D. Wells of Greenfield. I never saw it, and cannot obtain the number or the publishers as the paper has been out of print for that number. It is not often, however, that we will recall that the article in question was written by the same party.

My heartfelt sympathy about your sorrow; I deeply feel in your loss that the man never has it again. Tell me if do of sympathize with Dr. Rowan; his affliction is perpetual loss. I will write for the Bulletin.

Yours,
A. D. Wells.

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Mr. Walter Crane

24 Queen St.

Cambridge

Mass.

The Queen is a little better, I hear. The Prince's mushrooms are about dead in our garden this year, and we have had no mushrooms for a week. The Prince's photo-engraved address to our Queen above Robin's head is more than a week, yet I have been two days only, and have kept them so long that they still look well. We have great blizzard in this neighborhood, but your second, — commoner than cats — that I was never tired of watching them; I can't bear all at one time in no larger manner than this, but this was exceptional, being the devious limit of their pretty capacities.

I hope you & Mrs. Deane are well as we are in this house, and with kind regards to both I am

Yours Sincerely

Mark Twain

Elmira N.Y. Mar. 24, 1901

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have enjoyed both with it and more on your more recent; on time I must make a few remarks. The idea original is this in Stanley on, starting from Philippeville it went to Dakin, and from Dakin was forwarded to me in Hartford; those two postmarks are plain but I cannot tell which the one is in the corner, it is not distinguishable, — I know not however, it is "Carrick-on-Shannon", and can it easily [illegible]? That is allowable, and I suppose it is. The envelope for receipt to Dakin enclosed letter is a clean shave with whom I had corresponded for nineteen years. You will see the thing "Left Dakin, no address." Poor fellow! He had gone to "That undiscovered country, from whose bourne No traveller returns," sped on

[illegible] I [illegible] that it is [illegible] must [illegible] memories; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in a letter [illegible] [illegible] in the "Cabinet," [illegible] [illegible] "Damage the most courageous and faithful of the utopian Earth."

The Panic of 1837 in the Beginning of the Nineteenth Century; I have it [illegible] a letter dated August 3 (or 2) 1825, but no Signet on that Postmark! Nantucket was a Thoroughfare Town at that time as Philadelphia and some years later when I was old enough to go to School I used to sail in with scores of friends every Thursday, & Going home from the Morning session, and then returning from 5th-day meeting. 16 The Stamps have for the date only "No" the number of the month and then leave out the Year, in this "Our Narrative" the month after the month is marked, but it takes, but if we take account it's not [illegible] as your young friend Protestant may air it back from time sometime & return it to me. But I think it could be made available by taking a piece of the same paper & pasting it neatly under the stamps, and then with pen and ink carrying out the cold and finishing the letters.

After this I will keep the more uncommon Postmarks that come to me, but most of my letters come from New York & Boston or places near where stamps can be secured by any Day by those who care for them.

I am glad to see Fidow & Cling-me Growdrons are in Room Fee; perhaps in have Fellas and anyway for Stamps

Springfield, Tiley 3-1901

Dear Mr. Deane,

Victor Ehring is a well mannered lad, — habituated to the little courtesies of life from childhood, so that they will never come hard to him in later years. I think you will like to have his nice little book.

Mr Andrews of Southington Ct. has written to our botanical society about a Scirpus (S. pedicellatus) which he says grows near the western end of our old toll-bridge over the Connecticut. He wants us to look for it in July, — says that he never saw it anywhere else, and that he has collected it there, but too late in the season. I don't find such a Scirpus in Gray's Manual or in T. & G. or Brown — Is it a synonym for something renamed by the Rochester School? How I did find in T. & G.

Carex pedicellata = Carex varia, Fewen not of Muhl. and the same as C. Emmons, var. Pratei of Britt. I see I have the right, but I have lost the work at hand; it is near enough for you to know what I mean, however.) Could he in a momentary absence of mind have written Eriocaulon for Carex? I have quoted it in the other side just as it appeared in the letter – first the genus at full length, then specific in the usual way – genus indicated by initial only. In our Flora we have Carex varia Fair. & Ve of Muhl., but no Scirpus pedicellatus – of course not. The want to get familiar with the works of the plant before we go out to search for it. Some time before us, but it is well to begin in good season –

Yours sincerely

Mary L. Owen –

Springfield, Mass. May 12. 1901

Dear Mr. Keane,

This is no more of Pan Simeus,
I found it in about two minutes in Boston,
Jan. 1900. No wonder I didn't recollect
the article, as I never read it, not being
a special student of that genus, but I
shall read it now attentively. Much obliged
for putting me on the track

Yours &c.

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Mr. Walter Deane
20 Tremont St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Tradescantia in flower & hairy filaments; in habit – blooming early in the morning and wilting & curling in before long, but more like a Commelyna in leaves. Also one of the petals seems smaller – slightly so – than the other two which is like a Commelyna. Pod 3-celled, 3 seeds in each cell – It was found in a neglected yard amongst weeds & goldenrod of its own height, from three to four feet. Stalk swollen at the joints. I inference unlike T. or C., for it is like that of the Borage family – the racemes coiled and straightening as the flowers bloom. The plant is not to be found in Chapman's or Coulter's Flora (I can find the California Manual in our library) and it is not in any list of ballast plants that I have. It is an insignificant thing – worthless as far as I can see – but one does not like to be baffled in her search.

I went out very little during the excessive heat of the past summer and I found nothing of much importance

883 Union St.
Springfield Sept. 29. 1901.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have a number of things for you that have collected in the course of the summer which I mean to send along when I think you are settled again in your Cambridge home.

1. Some monograms & similar devices for your young collecting friend and 2. Some post marks for that other collector. I would send to him directly if I knew his address and if he still wishes for these things. I should think this taste might be a short-lived one, and might disport-

and be succeeded by something that would shine deeper. I can furnish a few specimens occasionally but I feel quite ignorant about what is wanted. If you would put my three queries into the "package" when you send it along and tell the young lad to reply to me directly if he thinks it worth while, you need not have any further care — "Push that button, and I will do the rest."

But would this plan be agreeable to the boy? If you think it would, keep back my questions, and I will send through you in the future as in the past.

3. Some pressed Bot. matricariifolium of different forms & sizes, I think I suppose you want them for your own herbarium, but you can give them away. In Rhodora of last June R. M. Harper tells of this fern found in Southbridge in this state and adds that this seems to be the southernmost station for it as it has not been reported from R. Island or Connecticut. Then Dr. Chapin went to a spot well known to him where this Botrychium is abundant and brought me these specimens and nearly a dozen more which I sent to Mr. Floyd; I gave him the very largest and some of smaller size. I think our station is likely to be as far south as that Southbridge place, and if not, couldn't be more than a mile farther north; Dr. Chapin remarked very aptly that a fern growing in such luxuriance and abundance was not likely to have reached its limit.

4. I send a plant for a name. Like a

was brought into our botanical society, yet as Nature is inexhaustible and delightful there was always something that we were pleased to see and know about. What did you find that you never saw before? And did you go to Cappen as usual?

I went to Vermont for a week in August, and now am going to Nantucket.

Rhodora always has something interesting in it, and it is usually accurately printed, but a bad error appeared in Mr. Davenport's article in the September number — "not mechanically identical as if made by dyes"; it is evidently his own mistake, but passed over by the proof reader of the magazine. Dyes may make things superficially identical, but

it takes <u>dies</u> to make them mechanically so.

Now I must mention two things that ought to have gone in before.

5. A little bit of an Artemisia that I suppose is A. vulgaris. Dr. Chapin found it on a dumping ground in the City — the first time it has ever been reported here, though as long ago as his publication of ed. 5 the plant was said to be travelling east rapidly. Rather a handsome weed — this specimen over three feet high.

6. The other specimen is a piece of a raspberry bush with the leaves curiously cut — this was sent from Brandon, Vermont. These things are of slight value, but I don't want to throw them away without showing them to somebody.

7. My photograph that you asked me for two or three years ago, but I had none. Perhaps I told you that I had some taken about thirty years ago, which although finished and paid for I threw into the fire and stayed by till I was sure they were all consumed — But last spring, no, a year ago last spring, the retiring president of the Women's Club came and asked for my photograph; I told her the same story and I was very unwilling to sit again, but I could not say that the request was unreasonable; I was the first president and elected for six successive years and I could put myself in the place of the Club members and see that I should like to keep in mind

and bars down the features of one who had been so closely associated with our early days. I was told too what dress to wear; the ladies approved of something that I had appeared in at a club dinner with which we closed the season and they wanted me to wear it without any change. I had a very trying time, — I certainly am not a good sitter, but the photographer was a good artist and would not give me up till he had made the most he could out of me. You wanted the picture for a collection you were forming of portraits of botanists, so here it is for that goodly company, though I feel unworthy of such a high honor.

I am finishing my letter many days after I began it — I laid it aside for other things because I thought you would not be at home before October, and even then would be too busy at first to give attention to my miscellaneous budget.

Hoping that you and Mr. Deane feel quite refreshed by your summer outing I am

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Madison Dec. 23. '01.

Dear Mr. Dean, I send by the same mail two Chemicals which may perhaps never be in the Catalogue, although I asked for some years ago when I was here in November. I have not brought my reading microscope and don't find the time usual for study. Then, too, I am admitting myself — I am very much vexed but don't know how to mend it — the stage is too high, so that I can not focus — I could lower it if I had the screw-driver — but I —

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Mr. Walter Keane
294 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, Nov. 11-90.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Victor Schrino has written me a nice letter which I shall answer in time; you need not fear that I shall give myself too much trouble for him, but I can easily send him my flora collections two or three times a year. He is farther advanced in his studies than I had supposed, for he is reading the Anabasis.

It is a pleasing habit in plants to stray out of their natural limits, though it is only our ignorance and presumption that assigns limits and then calls them "natural". (How how easy it would be to draw my pen through two "o's" above! but I shall not do it. I write "assigns"

and "calls" without thought or misgiving and therefore right. You do not know it, but I am critical to the last degree about the use of our magnificent mother tongue. Which uneducated newspaper writers drag to the dust every day - more critical in myself than of any other one. I shall not alter what is right.

"The turnult and the fronting dies" What a mind the half-educated made men that! It is perfectly correct ~~and~~ although its defenders, as far as I saw their arguments, overlooked the true reason for using "dies".) Now let us proceed -

That Pinus Banksiana was a most interesting growth - I wish I could see it. I don't know whether our Plantago aristata still persists

on Long Hill where it grew so many years; it is such an old stem now that nobody knows of resort it.

I send you some labels as desired. I wrote to the lady who gave me the bulbs for one, but she is an entomologist and instead of a label in due form gave me the particulars which I will enclose and from which you can make the label yourself.

You said you were going to write again soon; I will remind you that I want to know whether the Chionodoxa (or two of them) was new to the Catalogue. Besides those in print, I have now in

You list C. minuta, L. and C. ambrosioides, L. both of which I collected myself Nov-12 & Nov-13. 1892. I think one of the two sent this time (if two were two) was Ambrosioides, but I judge only from the scent for I made no examination.

Now you can reply to this in the letter you were going to write soon, and I hope you can gratify the curiosity of a number of people here by telling us the name of that Commelyna-like endogen.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 23. 190,

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad to have the name of that plant, although it has not a good point that I know of except (to botanists) its novelty. The minute flowers may be pretty — indeed what flower is there without some beauty of its own? — but they open so early in the day and wilt so soon that I never saw a fresh one.

The December Rhodora has come today. I must look up Acalypha Virginica, var. gracilens next summer. I have known it since 1872 in our street & yard; at any rate this is the note that I made about it: "Springfield, Aug. 1872. Agrees in every respect except that the sterile spike is not as long as in the description." At that time I don't think botanists were so eager to note an extension of locality and a good many other things as they are now, so I never thought to report it, but I

remember how carefully I studied it, noticing that it was a southern variety. With a repetition of the good wishes that my little card will carry

Yours very truly,

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. I was glad to see that we could count on autumnalis var. praecox for the Nantucket list. Mr. Floyd wants to go to the island again — perhaps will get there next summer — and I am hoping much from his zeal as a collector!

M. L. O.

But this Jocassee station! The "Little Coltsfoot" is secure there for many a year — its quantity, its distance from railroad, and the difficulty of reaching it make its existence very sure. Oh, the prophets and kings that died without the sight! Dr. Gray, dear Mr. Redfield, Phinger Dr. Gray is equally entitled to my adjective, Dr. Curtis, and so many more. It appears now that those sharp-eyed botanists who fought shortly for so many years, never suspected that Michaux's locality was an exceptional one, — that the plant's true home was in the damp or marshy lowlands. They did indeed find a few plants at last

Springfield
May 15 1902

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have permission from the writer of the enclosed letter — an encyclical, as you will see by the last page, — to send it to you. She came and stayed a day with me last week and told me much about her southern trip and then lent me the letter for me to read to our botanical society; I thought you would be interested in it, so I got the permission above-mentioned. When you have done with it please return it to

Miss H. E. Freeman
37 Union Park
Boston.

Do you suppose that Michaux's "Little Coltsfoot" is the same plant that we make use of?

Optional name — Miss Freeman returned this letter to Mr. S.

You will write and tell me, it will relieve my mind of all responsibility. M. S.

This lady is an excellent botanist, and of course easily makes acquaintance with all of our gentle science wherever she finds them. She went to Biltmore, and there met Mr. Beadle, if I caught the name right. Mr. Vanderbilt has bought Dr. Chapman's herbarium and this gentleman went to Florida to transact the business with the distinguished botanist; he said he never spent three more delightful days in his life, for the Dr. in spite of his eighty-five years was most entertaining and instructive. I thought she said 85, but I have just looked up the notice of him in my Encyclopaedia, and it says he was born Sept. 1809. He is nearly 93 now, if living, but Mr. Beadle may have gone years ago. Then he told her that they were working at the South on the Williams, - that they find a surprising number of new species, varieties and forms; he compared the discoveries to those of new forms of Crataegus on the North. You live in the very centre of botanical news, and perhaps know all of this already, but "ο γεγραφα, γεγραφα, which is "ladies' Greek, without accents," as they say Mrs. Browning's was.

the 19th. I am going to visit my son & daughter, and my little four months old grand-daughter, in New York; when I come back I am going to get ready to close my house July 1. When the four inmates will scatter. I am going to Christmas Cove for eight weeks, with my sister, Mrs. Gallagher, a friend who has a room here will turn to Philadelphia, my excellent girl to her Prince Edward Island home, and Miss Coffin to Nantucket, where Mrs. Pollard and I mean to finish our summer outing in a two weeks stay. I hope you & Mrs. Deane are well and have equally pleasant plans. With kind regards to both

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

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"in montibus", and I am glad it was in Dr. Gray's lifetime, and that he could go and see them, — flowerless as they were, in June. The time of year when one must go to see the "blooms" is another safeguard for the pretty thing. I know you will ask if Miss Freeman did not collect specimens of which she could spare you one; I don't believe she did, but I refer you to her for that, and anything else you want to know. She has heard me speak of you so often that you are no stranger to her.

But how did she hear of this Jocassee station? How long has

it been known? I wish I had asked her, but the much other talk which we had crowded it out of my mind.

She had not been gone three days when a patch of yellow trilliums was found over in the West Springfield woods. T. erectum var. album of course, but the Manual says "rarely yellowish". These were a good bright color, not a true yellow, but a pretty bright buff. The purple ones were growing with them, all mixed up; my informant who took up a root or two for his wild garden, said that in one case he thought the two colors were growing from one root, but a careful untangling of the fibres showed that it was not so. And I have no pressed specimen of that and could not get one, or now a fresh one either, but I saw the flowers, and they were beauties.

A friend now in Nashville, Tennessee, sent me some early flowers a month or more ago. You shall have the bright cheerful Lesquerella; it is very common there — grows all over her yard with the purple henbit, Lamium.

I shall not be at home much this summer. Monday

Springfield June 3-1902-

Dear Mr. Deane,

Will you be kind enough to complete the address of the enclosed and then mail it? I have kept the letter unsealed for you to read first if you chose. Perhaps you have not heard of the great affliction that has come upon me; my cousin Mr. Mathews can tell you when you see him again. Your sincere and sorrowing friend Maria L. Owen-

Christmas Cove, Me.
July 10. 1902

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my thanks for the sympathy expressed in your letter. It is a severe blow that I have received, and life can never again be what it was before such brightness was taken from it, yet I have much to be thankful for. First, that I had my dear son for thirty eight years, and from his very babyhood, he was the light of our home, as he was of every house that he made his home. And farther, that he had lived an unspotted life, and made himself an

honorable name in his profession. I was with him in his last days which is of inexpressible comfort to me, and the dear little babe who already knows the sunny, sweet disposition of her father, seems to continue his existence, — he is not quite gone. I look forward to meeting him again, but for all that the grave has its victory now, and death its sting.

I am in this quiet place with my sister-in-law, Mrs. Tallant, for the summer, and when I go home I shall take up the usual work, interesting in name as ever. I can be resigned, I even see, though dimly now, that God knew best, but I cannot yet triumph over my grief.

I have often thought that if there is an enviable possession in this world, it is a large and happy family of brothers and sisters; I hope your circle may long be unbroken.

With my regards and thanks to Mrs. Deane as well as to yourself, Your grateful and sorrowing friend

Maria L. Owen.

Herbarium & suppose they can turn to their aroids, and freely answer my question about the synonyms.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Deane,

Yours very truly,

Maria L. Owen.

P.S. I think one of the specimens is plain A. virginica.

M. L. O.

Springfield, Mass. 10. 6. 02.

Dear Mr. Deane,

At the date of your last letter Sept. 7. I had nearly finished the work on the book that was going through the press, and expected to go away for a well-earned vacation. I hope you had a pleasant time. I was away from home ten weeks, — spent eight in Maine, and saw growing and in flower and fruit the Yellow Rattle, Rhinanthus Crista-galli, a pretty little thing; nothing else new. Then I went to Nantucket, where I met Mr. Dame and Mr. Floyd, and had good talks with both, but you have probably seen them yourself at the meetings of the society, and heard their botanical news, — if any.

In a previous letter you asked me to collect Acalypha gracilens for

you. Now I desire to remark that I never said it grew here, but that there was this marginal note in my Manual against A. gracilens as it was then named; later it was called var. gracilens, and what it is now, I don't know. But the note "Agrees in every respect except that the sterile spike is not as long as in the description". I did see much of the plant after I came back, but I collected and pressed a few specimens that looked a little different from A. virginica. Probably they are only some of the many forms of that species, but I should like to know what you call them.

I have an interesting Aroid that I wish I knew the name of. The person who gave me the bulb did not know the name, and I have had to search for it myself. While I have good reason for thinking it Amorphophallus Rivieri, it may perhaps be Godwinia gigas found by Seeman in Nicaragua. But again, it may be Dr. Beccari's plant of western Sumatra which he proposed to name Conophallus titanum. If this name and Amorphophallus above should prove to be synonyms, I should feel pretty certain that of my plant and the only way you can help me is by inquiring about it at the Botanic Garden, some day when you are in.

My plant has not bloomed; the bulb is still too young and small, but my friend's has, and I have seen — not the flower, but a photograph of it.

Take no special pains; I am in no hurry, only if you will remember me when you are at the

Mr. Tapon's plant, and so I am not allowed to question whether it was the real thing; but why did I never find it, when I can prove that I began to look for it more than fifty years ago? Why has it escaped your eyes & Judge Churchill's, and those of a dozen other good botanists who have collected on the island? Why has Mr. Dame never collected it, who lived on the island several years and has spent about a dozen summer vacations there since he has lived in Medford? How my Prof. - In 1850 Mr. John Lewis Russell visited the island, gave a few parlor lectures on botany at my mother's house. One day I took him down to Trail-Point and we walked along the beach to the north - Bicelow's "Plants of Boston" was the only manual that I had ever used and in that was this report of Glaux in Plymouth, p. 104 of my edition, the third, 1840, and I had bought the

Springfield, Dec. 24. 1902

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have a nice little Calendar from you as a Christmas greeting. It is just right for the writing table, and I shall have Sir Joshua's cunning little girl before my eyes. I am acquainted with the young lady, but cannot think of her name at this moment.

I send you and Mrs. Deane some Christmas cards, intended for postal cards, — very faithful I think to scenes in Holland. I mean they are really postal cards which I am putting to this other use.

I put in also the label that you wanted. Please add the authority to the name; I think it should be "Gray". I believe the plant is restored to specific rank now. I cannot find the notice in "Rhodora" that led me to mention that I had found it here, but

I think it was that Springfield was beyond any train yet resorted.

And now that I am cannoned in Colum I may as well reply to your last letter, or I may not find time for months.

I am truly sorry for the cost-cos mentioned that you have had to take into your house; I hope it will lead you to join with millions of other sufferers at the right time and in the right way, viz: by your voice, your pen and your vote, to make it impossible even after this, for coal operators & railroad companies to bring such a calamity on the land. I have my usual supply of coal, put in at my usual time, May or June, but my friends all about me are trying all sorts of expedients to keep barely comfortable in one or two rooms. One of them has shut up her house, taken the nice maid who has lived with her for years, and gone forth, but she is a single woman of abundant means.

I am much pleased to have the information about Amorphophallus. I have a nice little plant — resting now, — and I have pictures and descriptions of Amorpho = Conophallus and Godwinia.

I see by the November "Rhodora" that Mr. Fagin found Glaux maritima in Nantucket in 1878, so I have made an entry to that effect in my Nantucket Catalogue; I see you found it in Mell's Maine in 1886. Mr. Fernald overlooked in his article, or in preparing the article, the record of its having been found in Plymouth, Mass. by Mr. Jackerman. That was probably Professor Edward Jackerman, as he afterwards became, of Amherst, and his plant may be in the herbarium of the college now. I suppose Mr. Fernald has seen

plant on our shores so long that I asked Mr. Russell something about it, perhaps how it looked on its special habitat, but did not know it, and could give me no help.

1878 – 24 years ago, but Lilaea reappeared after some sixty years. But Lilaea is abundant where it grows and has been overlooked from its minuteness and its resemblance – the land form – to Myriophyllum. I wonder if Mr. Fagon's specimen is labelled with the exact locality – we have some forty miles of beach, and I don's suppose all the botanists together ever covered the whole of it in their walks.

But I must close with all the good wishes of the season from your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, April 6-1903-

Dear Mr. Deane,

Do you know of anybody who would like a small collection of New Zealand mosses, unnamed? I have about fifty which I should be glad to give away. Mr. Eric Craig sent them to me in 1881, but I am no bryologist, and I never did anything with them. They are nicely pressed and neatly put up in separate papers; on the other hand they are faded from age, although they have hardly seen the light for a minute in all these years, and many of them are unfruited. Such are their merits and

defects, and if they can do anybody any good it is a pity that they should stay in a box on the top shelf of a closet forgotten except when housecleaning brings them to memory. If you know now or ever hear of anybody who would like them, only send me the address and he (or she) shall have them by mail without your taking any further trouble.

I hope you and Mrs. Deane are well — as well as we are in this house, for the spring finds us in very good condition.

With my regards to both

Yours very truly

Marion L. Owen.

words, because she expresses them better than I can, but as I adopt or endorse the sentiment they become mine.

Yours with all kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Dec. 20. 1903.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I find by the plants which I enclose that I have neither written to you nor heard from you for more than a year.

I collected the grass in 1902 in two yards belonging to deserted farmhouses at Pocomo — these localities about quarter of a mile apart. I think the plant is Bromus sterilis, and if you agree with me, I will enter the new localities in my Catalogue. As you have been at Pocomo, you will recollect probably that it is up towards the head of the harbor; the next section of the island, east of this is Manowinet. I hoped he

pleased to have it turn out Bromus tectorum, because that would be entirely new to the Cat. I found one of the "Dusty Millers" this year growing at intervals all along the shore from Grant Point to Capsaum — farther west than that I did not go — At Capsaum the plants showed that they were several years old; they were four or five feet high and the clumps six or seven feet in diam., but there are equally large plants I learned afterwards on the path from No. 4 Beach St. to the bathing houses below the cliff. The flowers were so far gone that I could not identify the plant, but I think it may be Artemisia Stelleriana, Besser. I brought cuttings home, which lived and grew till frost came, so I am hoping for flowers to examine next summer.

I send you a specimen of Aster graminifolius, Purch at a venture; you may not have had it from this locality. I know it is called a Lenecis now, but I haven't Britton & Brown at hand or ed. 6. of the Manual, so I must give you the old name.

I have a curious specimen of Chestnut flowers, preserved in formaline — fifty or sixty little burs on the long staminate catkin, and, to match it, little ears of corn, Indian corn, or shiny corn on the tassel.

I hope you and Mrs. Deane are well. I send my Christmas wishes in Mrs. Havergal's

papers, some letters from letters.

In the early part of this year I had the sorrowful task of putting in some of the obituary notices of our dear friend Mr. Dame. Heaven forbid that I shall ever have to do that for the other of my two most efficient helpers! I neither expect nor wish to outlive you. But I should like your photograph if you have one to spare. I had two copies of the Memorial to Mr. Dame, so I took out of one for my book the fine picture of him, and I should feel the Catalogue enriched if I could add your portrait. Please see if you cannot gratify me.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane and yourself

Yours most truly
Maria L. Owen.

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thing and another, some cut from news-

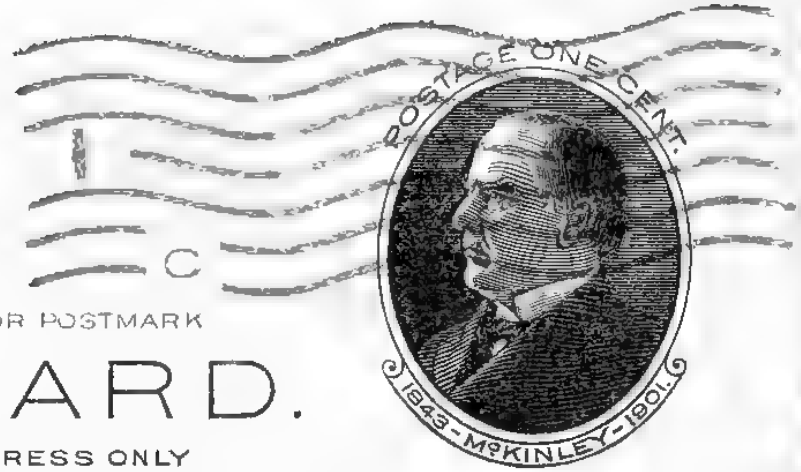
Springfield Jan. 2 - 1904

Dear Mr Deane;

I think an unmounted photograph will suit my purpose best. I am much pleased at the prospect of having one -

Yours very truly

M-L-O.



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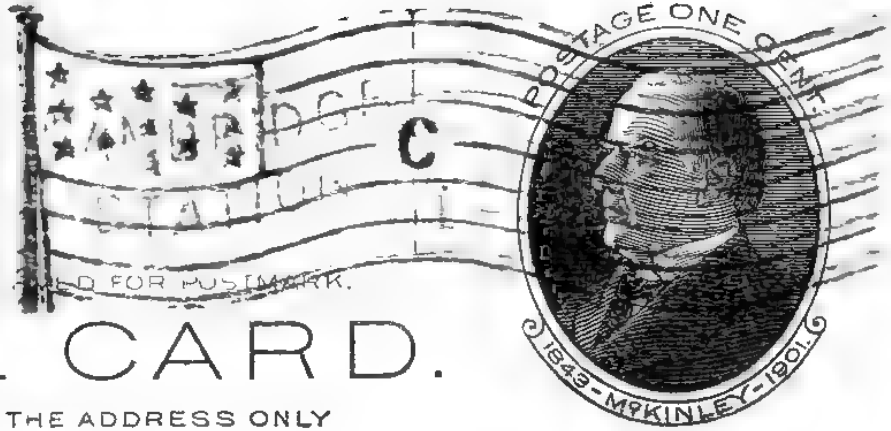
Mr. Frailer Keane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge Mass.

Springfield Jan 4, 1904.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I think an unmounted photograph will suit my book best, and I am much pleased at the thought of having it.

Yours very truly
M. L. C.



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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

very much obliged, and I feel that my book is much enriched.

If I ever get time I mean to try for a better photograph of myself. I never liked the one I sent you, but it was taken, as I probably told you, at the earnest request of our women's club, and they insisted on my wearing the dress they had seen me in & which they approved of. And I didn't like the pose, although the photographer was and is a real artist, known to his brethren in the profession all over the country, apt to be a prize-winner in all exhibitions where he competes. If I ever do have a better picture, I will give you one for your gallery to replace the present one.

With kind regards to Mrs. Deane as well as yourself, Very sincerely yours, M. L. O.

Springfield, Jan. 6, 1904

Dear Mr. Deane,

Your photograph came this morning, and I have nothing but praise for it. Of course I should expect from Mr. Eidman taste in posing and excellence in execution, and they both appear in full degree in the picture. I like the dark background very much. And what shall I say of the subject that will adequately express my admiration without-

shocking your modesty? So much at least. That it looks like a scholarly, scientific, gentle man; like a Cambridge, Harvard and Boston man; and just as handsome as it can.

Poetry! Capitals and rhymes for proof! And there's a rhythm to it too; if you don't perceive it at first, read it over and over, trying different accents and stress till you find it, and then it will go with such a swing that it will almost sing itself. But I am ashamed of my vanity, — praising up my poetry, when I ought to have kept on about the picture. Well it is mentioned in the Catalogue on the fly-leaf opposite the title-page, thus becoming the frontispiece of the book. I am glad you put in your card; I have cut off the writing and fixed it, i.e. the name, neatly at the bottom of the picture, where it looks much better than a written name would. Tomorrow morning I am going to add, in the right places, the dates that you gave me, — of birth and time of taking the picture. I always write better in the morning than at night.

I am thoroughly pleased and

Springfield, Dec. 23. 1904.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send my greetings to you and Mrs. Deane with a card appropriate for an ornithologist, but with grave suspicions that the birds and feathers are more imaginary than real. Whether there are a kingfisher and a kingbird I must leave to you to decide.

To me they are carrier
pigeons charged to carry you
both a pleasant Christmas
and a happy New Year.

Yours cordially yours

Maria L. Owen.

Month - Now I will bring
on something that I have had laid
up for you since last September. See
the enclosed letter from my niece - She
is fond of wild flowers and knows
most of them by name, but is no bot-
anist - has no time to study her speci-
mens much. The Christmas Rose speci-
men is broken all to pieces; can you
judge by the fragments & the description
whether it is the Virginica? I thought it
was - then! I mean maritima of course,
though it was probably Virginica that she
found in Baltimore - I made just such a
mistake in my Christmas letter to you -
I meant a Blue Jay, but I had just
written Kingfisher, and down went "King-
bird" almost automatically or mechani-
cally. I hope I know a Blue Jay -

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen -

GB Union Co.
Springfield Jan. 10. 1915 -

Dear Plato,

You remember well, - but
Audi alteram partem. The decision
to drop the paper had been long
planned for the reasons that I gave
Mr. Rick, and which need not
be repeated, though I can add
that I remember one number of Rhodora
which there was not one single
article that I could understand;
I looked through it in one minute,
and then put it away never to be
looked into again - Of late years
there has not been a number that I
cared to read all through, and of the
articles that I can understand well

enough, there are many of our local interest. Now there are people who do care for these things, or there are not. In the first case let these people support the magazine; in the second let it come to an end. It was all right to support it at its start, to give it a chance but now, after fair trial, if it proves that there are not enough subscribers who want it, to keep it going, let it stop. No disgrace in that; it only shows that we have not yet a scientific public up to it. As for my securing new subscribers, all the botanists of my acquaintance know of the magazine, and would take it if they wanted it without any solicitation. Or it may be that I can take "Rhodora" [illegible] without ruining myself, but while I weighed the matter I thought what I could do with the saved dollar. I could give one more dollar to Fuirese or Hampton; I could add one more to my local subscriptions for Chorinosa or Brian Prosie Fleet; I could take another botanical magazine in which every article would give pleasure, and which would be as glad to get a new subscriber as Rhodora would be to keep an old one. But I will argue the case no farther; I cannot say with any truth that I want the magazine, but I can keep on taking it, and I have already written to Mr. Ware that I will do so. "Plato" did I call you? Nay, Chrysostom of the Golden

to me certainly they are slowly
lengthening, Oct. 2

But nine more letters
I do believe at the earliest
possible moment — meanwhile
me to work —

With kind regards to you
and Mrs. Deane

Yours most truly
Mark L. Ewell —

Springfield, Oct. 20. 1905 —

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have just come home from Nantucket — where I had been about ten days; I will send with this a slant from there, and if you can tell me the name, I will add it to the Catalogue — it is thoroughly established on the beach from Brant Point to Tarbox Pond, at least, — how much farther I cannot say. It grows in immense clumps, or mounds I might say, for they are high in the middle and slope off to the edges. They have flowered abundantly, as appears from the scores of flower stalks dead at this season standing thickly together. It is a "Dusty Miller", but Senecio Cineraria = Cineraria maritima has "flowers in a dense corymb", says Gray in the Field, Forest and Garden Botany, which is the only

Force I have to study it up in.

I have seen the [illegible] many times on Brant Point and the success have made me thinking it is a pity — for this plant is an escape (or was) but finding the salt air and the beach sand so congenial, it has increased and spread wonderfully. That beach which separates Capaum from the ocean is about 2½ miles west of Brant Point, and so far along the coast it can be found anywhere — so I judge from the testimony of a number of reliable people.

I have just a Chenopodium in with the Dusty Miller; it was perfectly fresh when I wrapped it up and though a mere weed it was quite pretty — its color a beautiful green. I will put a pressed specimen of the same into this letter. I suppose though you have memory of its odor — an scent that it is the Ambrosioides, of which I found a few plants in 1892, never reported before. It is very common now in a street that runs from Main north to Broad St. along near the head of the wharves, — also in all the streets that run into that one near to the river. If you see and talk with Dr. Case then will this Dear Sunshine and that you had a pleasant outing tomorrow in the country. If you found anything remarkable either in the Plain or the Wild work, do tell me about it. Somebody told me — I wonder if it was Mr. Floyd — that Judge Churchill had seen in Nantucket — either Carex — I wonder if he found anything new for the Catalogue; please ask him when you see him, and tell him that I should like to have the names to add

So singing, and for crosses the "Ma-
Ruskin, when I [illegible] to
see the plants itself again." Come
like Andrew, to depart." That one
year the ectoides was hard, plan-
dant in one place, but the hiera-
cioides growing a mile or two off
was represented by one plant only.
That was a homely thing — a
vicious weed which we could
willingly have. Mr. Ruskin
speaks again of "those most exquis-
ite botanical plates", i.e. of the
Flora Londinensis. Christmas
I received in due season a
card from you and Mrs. Deane, for
which I wish to thank you, but I
will close now to answer Mr. Deane's
kind note.

Yours with kind regards
Alfred L. Owen.

Springfield, Jan. 12-1906.

Dear Mr. Deane,

As I am going to Hunter-
ton — Dea. Samuel Chapin, I will
begin with him. The statue is to
commemorate one of the first settlers
of this town, and given by the Dea-
con's descendants for their own
gratification and for the adorn-
ment of the city; the donors would
reverse the order of those two motives,
but I think whether confessedly to
themselves or not, that is the rank
which would be found in the depths
of their ~~[illegible]~~ hearts. The sculptor is
St. Gaudens and the work is much
admired. There is no portrait of
Dea. Samuel; the costume of his time
is well known I suppose, and accurately

followed Fern; for the fronds and
features of Polypodium the Fern was
those individual who, in some
sense, was "[illegible] of Ferns"
"The word" of this [illegible]
who again "[illegible] the [illegible]
to Fern", and it would also mean
such [illegible] or fronds to [illegible]
the reason [illegible]. He is followed
by the meaning above "[illegible]"
with [illegible], still in [illegible].

The Greek region really fre-
quents never been [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] it with indefinite, for
even "Linnaeus" does not know
what a valuable acquisition to our
Herbarium the plants from the
region must be.

I have been reading Pers[illegible]
"Synopsis" lately, — not for the
first time, and today I came upon
the [illegible] mention of "Pteris
[illegible]", this is truly a Tropical
fern, and we the most [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] over the; [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] expected
in the [illegible] of the last century
[illegible] the 17th [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
"Flora [illegible]". He adds "the
[illegible] is, in the most [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible], [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible]. "The two" [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] — in the [illegible]
[illegible], published in 1787 "Gardnus
[illegible] and Pteris [illegible]". I
fear that the Flora Londinensis is
not in our library, but I would
take some pains to look at a picture

Lawrence earlier than usual. My daughter and her husband think the sea air will be good for their little girl, nearly old baby girl, so they are going to spend the whole vacation there, July and August. I don't look forward to any collecting, myself, and can hardly hope for anything new to be brought to me, as the island-born show no great botanical zeal. However I know some off-islanders who are apt to spend the summer there who delight in searching the swamps & the pond sides. I hope they will be there this year.

With best regards to you & Mr. Deane,

Yours very truly
Sarah L. Colburn

Union St.
Springfield, May 20. 900.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have not heard from, or about, you for a long time, but I trust that you and Mrs. Deane are all well, and that it will not tire you too much to tell me the name of a violet that I send off in from Mr. Gillett's garden in Southwick; his specialty is native plants, but this one was given to him by a man who knew nothing about it as far as name & natural were concerned, and Mr. Gillett wishes very much to obtain that knowledge.

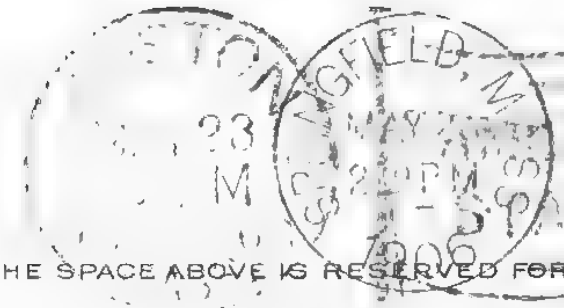
I did my best for him, but cannot find it in Gray or Wood. Even

Yours Editor. The Tree is in
Dr. Gardner, — I hope so. The
there was but one fresh flower
on the plant I took. This is a mixed
it, and can tell you that the side
petals are marked, although that
is not very plain in the dry
specimen, and the fifth petal is
so small that the outline of the
flower is square.  The petals
have shrunk so irregularly
in drying that this feature does
not show in the specimen, but in
the fresh flower it is so decided
as to give the aspect of a crucifer.
A cross shape is pretty where it is natu-
ral, but when a violet obtains it by
knocking one of its petals it seems to
me a demerit. Still this has a beauty
derived from its dark, intense white
and the delicate blue streaks. I tried
the plant. Pair was given to me
with a request to set it out in my
garden, where it is doing well. The
specific name will bring gra-
cious much and more to, but
that is not left me time at
your own convenience.

Dr. Chapin brought me an Um-
bellifera last week, which he
thinks is certainly a new form
(to him) and perhaps something
not reported before. The flowers
were immature, but he will bring
more later. There was a patch
of perhaps a hundred plants.
I suppose you are planning to
go to the country before long.
Where this year? I am going to

Springfield, Mass. May 23. 900.

I wish that I knew the native country of that violet, but I understood from the friend who brought it to me, that Mr. Gillett did not know himself. If he did he ought to have mentioned it when he sent it to the Gray Herbarium. I wish I had known that he had taken that very proper step; I should have done nothing about it myself. Why is he seeking a decision from the small botanical world here, when he has already carried the case to the court of last appeal? I will ask Mr. Shaw to send you some of the Antennaria at the right time. Yours L. O. – Thanks for your prompt attention.



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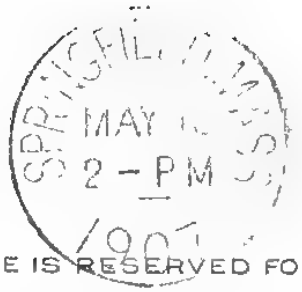
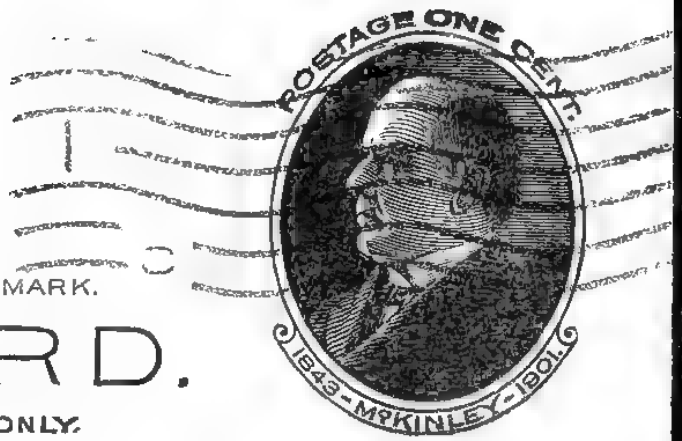
Mr. Walter Deane
27 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Springfield, May 10-1907-

I am much obliged for the name, and I know now where the queer specimen came from. There are two arborvitae trees at the entrance of Dr. E.B. Coleman's garden, corn. of Federal & Broad Sts. — one each side of the gateway, and I had been in the garden in the course of my walk that afternoon. I thought it was the common native species, however. I appreciate and admire Mr. Rehder's knowledge. M.L.O.





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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge, Mass.

Springfield June 29. 1907

Dear Mr. Deane,

I suppose I have told you that I have sold my house and am to clear it out and deliver it to the new owner Aug. 1. It is a great job to dispose of the accumulations of forty years, and it will occupy me fully with all the help I can get. You told me once that you had all the local plant catalogues that I had except that of No. Carolina from the State Survey, and one of Wilmington & vicinity compiled by Dr. C. F. Wood a Nantucket man by birth, or perhaps only by family, and Gerald McCarthy that

a mate who was (I don't know whether he is still living) fresh a passionate lover of botany. I am giving away all of my books that I can do without, and you may have these catalogues if you want them, and if you do I will send them at once.

I am going to live with my daughter & son-in-law in Manhasset, L. Island. Mr. Sullivan had been elected principal of the Boys' High School in Brooklyn, 1600 boys & 75 teachers. Perhaps I have told you this before.

In greater haste but with all kind regards to you & Mr. Deane

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen.

far worse place than this. She is a little over two years old and is now learning the English language, and the steps of her progress are very interesting. She is a healthy, strong and hearty child and very well brought up — no foolish indulgence to spoil her, but otherwise little restraint put upon her actions.

My son-in-law is a Harvard graduate — class of 1894 — and a member of the N.Y. Harvard Club. They have a Harvard Club in Manchester now & Mr. Bachelder is its first president. He says perhaps because he is the oldest member, but I know of other very valuable qualifications for that office. With all best wishes for you and Mrs. Deane, Yours as ever

Maria L. Owen.

20 Tremont St.

Roxbury Nov. 28. 1907

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have been thinking ever since I saw you Friday I began on my pile of unanswered letters; I had reached a correspondence card from you, and a kind note from your wife, and my dear Miss Clarke's reply when your pleasant letter, & your appreciation of my paper is very agreeable, and that paper let me down is all I am responsible for in the Report. Others did the rest, — reproduced the photographs & all.

As you remembered Mr. Bachelder well enough to guess right about him I will send you with this first of this

[illegible] Lucy [illegible] Mrs. He is still interested in [illegible]. [illegible] like the [illegible] of the [illegible] stuff in its [illegible] basket. Here is the [illegible] on it that [illegible]. Mr. B. is a very good [illegible] Herself, and [illegible] an enthusiastic student of the [illegible].

You cannot read my address of Oct. 18th, for I never made it. The programme was made out as early as February, but I was in Nantucket in October. I gave "Luther Burbank & his Work" in June, illustrated by stereopticon slides that I had made for the purpose. I don't write out anything which I intend to say before an audience; I only use notes of the subdivisions of my talk, so as to keep to the main line, not omit anything.

On your card you said "I have been at the Museum for two months, but the bldg. will be closed on Dec. 31. and I shall return home." What a mysterious, curiosity-provoking utterance! What museum? What were you doing there? Did it keep you entirely away from home, night as well as day? And why & how long was the bldg. to be closed at the close of a year? You have earned a right to rest after 8 years of work, — how are you going to take it?

I am well contented here; the company of a dear little grand-daughter would reconcile me to a

The tree-lover was Mr. Everett E. Thompson, classical teacher then in the High School; he died many years ago. The collector of the abnormal was Miss Bell of Chicopee, now Mrs. Harmon. Her contributions were truly wonderful, — for one, a Sanguinaria with three flowers on its stalk. The Longmeadow member Miss Goldthwait, a special teacher for part of the year at Mt. Holyoke Seminary. Ware: Miss Mary A. Booth. R. D. Dr. George Dimmock. Musical member, Mr. Batchelder. Our wise counsellor and excellent botanist Mrs. Avery P. Smith.

The secretary - treasurer
was Mr. W. C. Thompson

The records a very modest
Wm. F. V. Burnham.

The lady who brought in so many
new members was Miss Elizabeth J.
Teele, alluded to before as joining
in the beginning, because she wanted
to be a botanist and was willing
to study. She was a Teacher.
The daughter of our Chief Justice
was Miss Maria Chapman - a
lady of sufficient French or mind
to read little what people thought
said of her, as long as she was
doing right, as she always was.
All of these members except Mr.
Thompson are still living. M. E.

P.S. I find that I had overlooked the doctor and the minister. The former was Dr. Walter H. Crapin, — you saw him in Springfield. He seldom comes to the meetings now, but he is in the very front rank for his knowledge; he has a fine compound microscope and uses that very profitably in the study of the lower orders.

The Rev. Geo. W. Perry was a Universalist minister; he used to go out to the hill towns west of us to hold mission meetings, and naturally found specimens on the heights which did not grow in the low level of our valley.

M. L. O. 1

Brooklyn Feb. 6. 1941

Dear Mr. Deane,

Can and will you tell me when the new "Illustrated Manual" is come out? Please answer as soon as possible — a line on a p.c. enough. I want to know speedily for a special reason. In tremendous haste, M. L. D.

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Mr. Waller Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

205 Pierrepont St. Brooklyn Feb. 25. 1905

My Friend in Need,

What I want to know now is when Mr. Geo. W. Emerson died. His "Memorial" which I own could tell me, but that is beyond my reach — as Manhasset packed up with the rest of my books. I find from the Am. Rhodora, that our Nantucket Prunus Cerasus in the Catalogue is P. Salicifolius Weinm. is P. pallidus, Ait. Who knows but that P. americanus may be detected on the island? Dr. Gray used to say that he was never surprised at anything from Nantucket.

Yours very truly W. J. Deane

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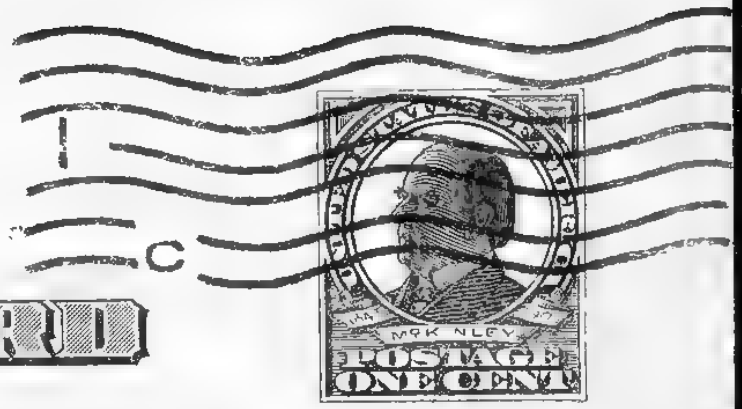

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

206 Mc Donough St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. March 29. 1908.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have been writing two papers on the heaths of Manitoba, i.e. those European Ericas & Calluna. Mrs. Morgan has one of them just now for her to acknowledge what I have put in on her authority, or else correct it, and when it comes back, I should like to send the one and the other to you for advice. One is for Rhodora if Dr. Robinson will accept it, the other, never to be printed, I am going to give to the Gray Herb. or to the Torrey Botanical Club of New York. I think

it will not take you long to read them and then advise me — one evening will be enough. If you are willing to give me this help, I will send them when Mrs. Morgan returns here, and then write again in full detail.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Deane,

Yours as ever
Maria L. Owen.

with her son, spending this vacation there. I shall send it to you when it comes back to me; it is in pretty rough form, but if Dr. Robinson will accept it for Rhodora, I shall write it over, for I should be ashamed of its style as it is at present. Then I reconsidered this one which I send and I think the present decision will be final. You will see as soon as you read it that it was never meant for publication. Oho! that would never do. It is absolutely true — all those personalities, but discreet people don't print such things. Mrs. Pearson died some years ago; there is

206 McDonough St.
Portland
April 5. 1908.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I send you one of my papers on our heaths; to understand it you will have to read the Torrey Bulletin article to which I refer. I wrote about the same thing a number of years ago, and placed it in the Springfield City Library. I had previously given that library the first sixteen volumes of the Torrey Bulletin, bound, and I had this paper of mine inserted ~~and~~

in vol-13 at Dr. Millis's article and fastened there, where it still remains I suppose, but may not be seen for a hundred years.

My mind did not remain at ease long; justice, truth and duty kept calling upon me to put my statement where it would be more likely to be seen by botanists and I planned another article going into details more, to be given to the Torrey Botanical Club — the article in fact, which I send you now, but I did not find time to write it for several years.

Then I thought I would give it to the Torrey Club and a duplicate to the Green Herbarium. Then another idea took form in my mind, as you thought Dr. Robinson might like this in Rhodora, I would write another for that magazine without referring to Dr. Millis's tissue of misrepresentations, and I found time to accomplish that. It is in Mrs. Morgan's hands now. I wrote for it last week, but heard from a friend soon after that she was in Nantucket

no child or grandchild, esp. and no near relative to my knowledge to be hurt by what I do say, and that is nothing very bad after all. Mrs. Carson was a good woman, intelligent and interesting, but there was a weak spot in her character — what the phrenologists call a "love of admiration". It is only for the sake of the truth that I have had to expose it; you will see that I cured it contradict Dr. Wells's point blank without just this portrayal of my friend's character. Now I will let you and Dr. Robinson read this paper and it may be sent to anybody and everybody who cares anything

about
the matter; they may say its
substance up in their memory
but are by no means to copy
any 'part' of it. When it is
done with I want it returned
to me. I can put the substance
of it into the other article, I
have it all settled in my mind
how I will do it, but no
more about that just now.
I will write again when I
send the ~~send the~~ other
paper; if it will be wanted for
Rhodora I will fix it up to
the best of my ability.

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Green.

Brooklyn, April 10. 1908

Dear Mr. Pease,

I send the MS. of the history of the Heath; it is just a rough draft, as it shows for itself. You may make any criticisms or suggestions that occur to you, and they will be gratefully received. I should like to have Dr. Robinson read it and see whether he would like it for Rhodora. Some time next fall. I hope to go to Nantucket early in July and while there to go over everything that Mr. Appleton told me, and go out with him

and take another look at some of the plants — in fact I am going to make the statements — I was going to say "unassailable," but people can assail anything, so I will say this instead; I am going to verify all that I record, so that it will stand any and all contradiction and come out triumphant. Mr. John Appleton is one of the owners & driver of pleasure carriages for summer visitors, a man of superior intelligence and thoroughly interested in the preservation of the little plants. He has no reservations from me, and I could not have a better helper, so I shall write my paper all over, perhaps while I am in Nantucket and then will come the plan for printing. Rhodora has the first offer. Yours most truly W. S. Owen

(over)

What adjective would you use before "Heaths" in the title? "European", "Foreign" "Old-World" "Exotic" or what? Or will the heading do as it is? We have twenty or thirty (counting species) of the Ericaceae which are all "heaths" in the large sense of the word but not in common language, and the three that I mean are so called. I want to have the title just right, as well as everything else

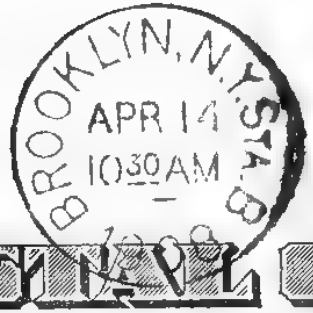
These letters have a personal — a
[illegible] tone, apart from the qua-
lity of this introduction which is all
that a scientific journal would want.
[illegible] I see that
[illegible] the time of the in-
[illegible] that occurred in the
course of the only virus since the
discovery of the disease, but
[illegible] have [illegible]? I
[illegible] as much as I used to
[illegible] virus [illegible]. [illegible]

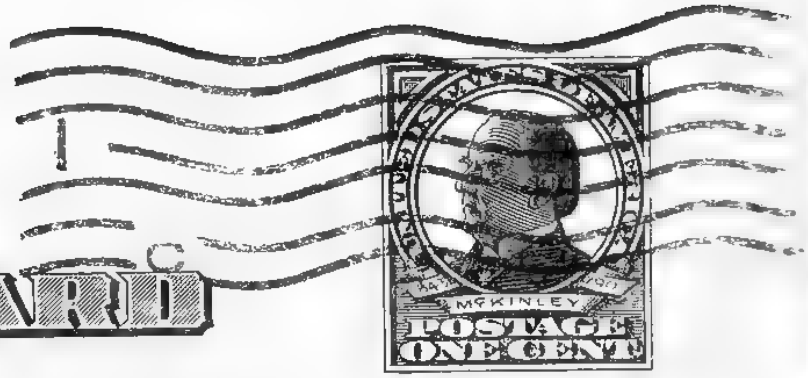
Brooklyn Apr. 3. 1908

This is to tell you that the copy came back this morning. I am glad it came, like it well enough to accept it. He and you understand, I suppose, that the final one for publication cannot be ready till late in the summer. I thank you very much for your criticism of my stuff, but and I shall weigh carefully even suggestion

For my credit, I ought to recollect that I told you what I sent was not the first crude draft; you can hardly find anywhere a more severe critic of it than my own and other people's — more I am; I should say severe critic is that did not suggest unkindness from which I must I am free! yours C.

"Nocturne" is sure to appear in the Pall Mall Magazine





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[and you will not] never mind, John Appleton would know what they meant.

You can show it to Dr. Robinson or not, as you please; when I have written it once more I shall submit it to him for the final touches before it goes into the printer's hands. Suggest what you please, for it's better now; I shall be thoroughly glad of any criticism.

With kind regards
Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen.

[Address:] The Concord Sc.
Cambridge, Mass. May 12-1905

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have written my Rhodora paper almost all over, and I suppose you will be obliging enough to read it once more, so I send it along without further notice. I always write in this way — get my ideas on paper and in as orderly an arrangement as I can, also in as good style, but for the style I correct & improve as long as the article remains in my hands. I shall

go over this again, but not till I have been in Nantucket and verified my statements, or not verified exactly but made them more precise. You will see on the yellow paper what is still to be done. You will see two, that if I should be taken away before this paper was ready for the printer, you could finish it, and you would be the best person to do it. Mr. John Appleton would take you to all the planets and tell you all about them in one day. The finger of Destiny which has been pointing at me will then turn round till it reaches you.

What has puzzled me much is the best way to refer to that Willis article and contradict it. How does my idea of putting it into a note strike you? I tried at least two other ways, and if ~~that~~ my language in this seems savage ~~the~~ it was worse in the other. I adopted the improvements in the first paper that you suggested, or most of them, and shall be g[illegible] for more.

I have added to the typewritten article, and am now quite well satisfied with that as I never have been before.

If you don't understand all the notes on the yellow paper

See The Memorial
for pp. 2, 3, 4,

See Wood's Manual
for its date p. 3.

Mr. Appleton
pp. 6, 16, 3, 18 2
p. 18. Particulars about
the two —
p. 20. Measure + Count
beyond —

Get to the truth about
the plant at the
Cliff Spring —

Clinton Macy's story not
with mentioning —

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] house,

from the [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the other,

[illegible] afterwards [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] in the University,

[illegible] [illegible] went [illegible] one

[illegible] I could [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]. I invited Miss [illegible]

and [illegible] to go with me,

and [illegible] took us out to the

[illegible] where we found

this picturesque coachman awaiting

us. I saw him twice afterwards in

the [illegible] [illegible] though always a

coachman, but this time he was

in his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to

Rec'd Nov. 27)

[illegible] [illegible]

Nov 22 [illegible] [illegible]

Dear Mr. Deane,

The [illegible] [illegible] in this house, as you all are in Cambridge, over Harvard's victory. My son-in-law went up to see the game and is [illegible] his [illegible] today in the [illegible] full report of the game.

I shall send tomorrow, or [illegible], a pressed specimen of an abnormal <u>Ambrosia artemisiaefolia</u> from [illegible]. It attracted my attention from quite a distance by its upright, closely appressed branches and its color, almost yellow. It was in the midst of a thicket of

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] normal [illegible] [illegible] told me that Dr. [illegible] was [illegible] in that [illegible] and advised me to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and I thought it [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] rather [illegible] in writing [illegible] an old friend than on a gentleman whom I knew so little as Dr. Robinson. I wrapped it up for mailing weeks ago, but I suppose it is not hurt by standing about in a warm room.

I spent a month in Nantucket and much of the time was ~~spent~~ used in visiting the [illegible] again, and in [illegible] to get [illegible] the answers. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and had the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] in my work; I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to take me [illegible] all over the island, and that [illegible] much to my advantage. [illegible] [illegible] I made the acquaintance [illegible] Dr. Robinson. [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] these hours of labor in our Herbarium! [illegible] The leading botanists who can look out the names of their collections with the help of [illegible] [illegible]!

In a back number of Rhodora, monthly, back, in one of those preliminary plant lists, there was a record of *Fuirena squarrosa* with a locality in Massachusetts given as the northern limit of the plant so far as known; i.e. I understood it so, though I was not quite certain. I took out a map at any rate and found that our Springfield station was a small fraction of a degree farther north than the one in the list. I guess I sent you specimens of it long ago.

The October Rhodora came some days ago; do you know how soon after the issue they send out the extra numbers called separates to contributors? I wish I did, and then I could [illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible]. He [illegible] [illegible] to tell me, [illegible] [illegible]. He told me of the [illegible] paper in [illegible] which I had never [illegible] and never [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] them [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] number of the first [illegible] [illegible] said "a rabbit-[illegible] hardly make its [illegible]." When I told him about the paper which I was writing, he offered me any help that he could give, and you will see from the writing in Pioneers what valuable aid he did furnish. He knew the value of exactness in a paper like mine, and to [illegible] his own record, stepped in and counted three hands.

"Your all? Does it seem [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]? Best [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very much in favor. This interview is valuable to me, to clear [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] critical about voices. [illegible] was it providential that [illegible] on that particular [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] of leather into my hands. "For a web begun Heaven sends Thread." This favorite proverb of mine was proved, as to its truth, a number of times in my different researches, notably in the case of Miss Lydia Folger and Mrs. [illegible], but I could not tell of all the [illegible] I had going from one person to another, without writing a book.

After my stay in Nantucket I returned to our pleasant summer home in Manchester where we stayed late — into November

my time. I have thought of going away for a little while before winter sets in, but I should want to be at home when these letters came, & send them on to my many friends. Even if I do not go away, I want to know when to expect them. If you do, or can come, will you tell me in a few words on a postal card, then you can take your own time to answer my long but not urgent letter. With best regards to you and Mr. Deane

Yours very truly

Vida E. Scudder

In Wild West Costume.

A man who promises to be one of the most picturesque members of the summer colony at Nantucket this season arrived in the city last evening, en route for the island, clad in wide sombrero, corduroy coat and trousers, heavy riding boots, clanging spurs, a roll of thousands of dollars in "yellow backs," a cartridge belt with several rounds of ammunition, a heavy Colt revolver that was the wonder of all who saw it, and lastly, but of by far the greatest importance to him, his companions for the summer months—three beautiful western ponies. The saddles which he had to throw over their backs were also of wonderful make, each of them being ponderous affairs, loaded down with silver trappings. E. Le Roy

The man's name is E. H. T. Thompson and he hails from somewhere in the wilds of Wyoming—a ranchman by occupation, and one who has been very successful, too—and a very quiet and interesting person. As he rode through the streets in his make-up of the western plains, he was the cynosure of eyes from every direction, and more than one observer wondered what his business here could be. It was thought by those who had seen him leading his ponies that he was a horse trader, and this opinion became quite general. Inquiry at the stable of William D. Richards, where he put up his horses for the night, brought forth the information that the horses were for his own use while at Nantucket, and Mr. Thompson himself felt quite aggrieved when informed of the impression that had gotten abroad concerning him.

He was far from a horse-trader, he maintained, and while there might be money enough in New Bedford to make him part with his horses, he said that he had not seen it as yet. One of his ponies, "Bess," he says he will never part with, and he tells with a great deal of pride of the speed and endurance of the little pony, and of the wagers that he has won in various tests.

Mr. Thompson visited Nantucket a couple of years ago, making a brief stop at that time, and he was so much attracted by the island that this year he has hired a cottage there for the summer, and has had a barn erected in rear of it in which to quarter his ponies. He has no family, and comes here alone, but he cares for little other company than his horses, and says that he anticipates a mighty pleasant time at the island. Failing health is the cause of his trip to a spot on the ocean, and he is of the opinion that the change of atmosphere is what is needed to brace him up.

To see him on the back of one of his ponies, cartridge belt at his waist, and his wide sombrero pulled down over his eyes, one would think him a genuine cow-puncher from way back yonder in the bad lands. Talk with him, however, and the illusion is quickly dispelled. He is a ranchman, but he owns the ranch and in his manner is quiet and unassuming. The fact that he has come clear across the continent arrayed in his costume of the plains, he explains by the fact that shortly after he started east, his hostler was taken sick and Mr. Thompson did not want to entrust the care of his saddle-horses to any one else. So he played the role of hostler all the way across, and accordingly he wore a costume fitted for the work. And then, again, he is of the positive opinion that he will wear any costume that he likes, and he kind of prefers his present get-up, because it is the one to which he has been accustomed all his life.

While standing in Richard's stable this morning, he saw a bird dog that caught his fancy, so he bought it. Howard Ames owned it, and when Mr. Thompson offered him a $20 bill for it, he handed over the dog.

Mr. Thompson arrived in the city last evening and left on the afternoon boat for Nantucket, together with his ponies and his newly acquired dog.—N. B. Standard, 4th.

Dr. Thompson is to occupy the cottage of Byron E. Pease, at Quidnet.

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Notice.

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206 Mc Donough St.
Brooklyn, Dec-22-1908

Dear Mr. Deane,

I took up my pen to send you Christmas greetings, but will use it first to tell you to keep that Inquirer clipping as long as you can use it for anybody's pleasure, and when you read it do tell your hearers of that providential sprig of heather which the Dr. wore when Mr. Appleton providentially met him, and which led to my

learning about his discoveries, and listen to his help about the crop-leaved heathers. Doesn't Heaven send thread to a web begun?

My separates came, and are now, as you suppose, widely distributed. And I received the paper that was sent to Mr. Rand's address, thanks to him and you.

I congratulate you on your new honor, — president of the N. E. Bot. Club. I am glad to have a personal friend in that high position. What a wonderfully full set up Carices you have! That one cacking species must be very rare. What is it?

Now my Christmas greetings shall go, entrusted to this innocent faced little bambino; & I trust he will assure you and Mrs Deane both of my warmest remembrances

Yours most truly

Maria L. Owen

Pond and to the Wanaque
side-flowing Stream. The coloring
of the vegetation was gorgous
leaves there. I secured a few
specimens of an aster that has
dazzled me since this year, and
sent them to Mr. Floyd. It is a
lavender flower, its center a
the brightest, enough red in its
surroundings to make the color
brilliant.

Your letter was directed to 216
I suppose I had not sent you word
that we moved last spring to 167
Mc Donough St. We still like it very much

167 Mc Donough St.
Brooklyn, Dec. 29, 1909.

Dear Mr. Keane,

I have waited longer
than I wanted to before thanking
you & Mrs. Keane for the Nestle letter
book with its kind sentiments, but
I have not been sitting with idle
hands all these days, and I
certainly did "forget yourself."

That a delightful time
the Botanical Club will have
with its visitors Friday, and

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph H. Keane
Rome, Georgia.
Was with regards to
Mr. Floyd

the visitors are to be congratulated too on this opportunity of meeting the distinguished N.E. Botanist — Prof. Rhodora will report the meeting.

I take the magazine though I read it with much skipping, so many of the articles are in specialists, but I do not skip the list of the local flora, interesting in themselves and showing incidentally one of the things that can be done by amateurs.

I went to Nantucket one week this year — Feb. 22. and stayed five weeks. The weather was warm and sunny most of the time, and my friends took me out driving twice, once to Gibbs's swamp and the great cranberry bog there and back through Madaket to Hillsy, then another to the western end of the island, across Long

or flowers either; in your zone acquaint-
ance with it so have been the flowers
and fruit just mee. It may have a
different habit in other localities, — I
cannot say about that, as I never
collected it, or even saw it elsewhere.

I hope you and Mr. Weane are
looking forward to a pleasant sum-
mer and that happy finds are in
store for you.

With all kind regards to both
Yours most truly
Marian L. Owen

Gainesville, Fla. May 24th. 1910.

Dear Mr. Weane,

It is time I thanked you
for your Euphorbia article in Torreya;
I had read it, as I take the
Magazine, but such an attention
showing remembrance, is always
pleasing. The paper was not wasted
for I have asked my daughter I send
it to our friend Miss Freeman who
had not seen it. That lady and I came
down together last Wednesday, and she,
in her usual way, experienced Trav-
eller as she is, managed to see as
many of our interesting objects as most

strangers do in a month. She went home yesterday morning, but in the time that she was here we took a long drive every day — four. You know that great thicket of Scotch broom on the Cliff you can imagine how gay it is now, covered with its great yellow blossoms. Our heaths are not in flower yet, but we saw all three of them — the Calluna and the broom seem to be thoroughly naturalized here.

What a delightful find you had in that quilted spurge! Mr. Kerr was equally happy thinking that he had E. Esula; he sent me specimens, which are probably where he placed them, in the herbarium of the Spt. Mr. Frickel; I am going to write to them to correct the error — or, I will write a memorandum myself to lay with the sheet.

Mr. Kerr died about two weeks ago, out in Minnesota; a very thoughtful man, whose death I should lament, if it had not been for him a release from an inveterate and painful malady.

We found Arenaria peploides on the beach here, a common plant on our shores, but like the E. Cyparissias, only more so, it seems quite

I see Dr. Chapin minded what I said when I had to go off and leave you to his care for our doors & my cousin's for the house. He will be pleased to find that you have not forgotten what he did.

Glaux maritima found at last in our township though on the island of Nantucket. The shore of Madaket harbor and along there is evidently the place to seek the plants on our island. I never collected there — too far from home for my youthful botanizing.

As Mr. Pugg found Arenaria peploides in bloom some three weeks ago, I went to his locality yesterday — some two or three miles from the bathing beach, to the westward. I found

Nantucket July 6. 1910.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I knew it would be a pleasure to read the leaflets you send me, so I put it off till I should have time to go through them at my leisure — hours stolen enjoyment. I did enjoy both, though it is sorrowful to think of the dire need that calls out such papers. Last fall the authorities perceived that a beautiful stretch of road between Madaket and the village needed "Clearing up", so they went at it with saw, hatchet, scythe and grass-knife

and left it a piece of ugly desolation. Now if you are willing I will try to get your paper republished in one of the local newspapers, or such parts of it as the editor may select for this purpose. It is very desirable to extend the influence of such excellent papers.

And the other on our wild flowers. Its practical suggestions, needed here as everywhere, would perhaps be acted on if brought before certain people. Could you spare three copies? Coming from the president of the N.E.F.B.C. they would be more effective.

Mrs. Stokeley Morgan, Pres't of the Nauv. Soc. for P.W.F.

Miss Helen A. Gardner, a zealous member of the same.

Miss Marianna Hussey a teacher in the High School, much interested in natural science.

Mrs. Morgan's if you send it had better be directed to the care of Miss Gardner — for Hersey & Miss Hussey "Nantucket" is sufficient address. Mrs. Morgan went abroad last October & has not returned yet, although expected now, — may be here any time. These ladies will really try to carry out your suggestions about Hibiscus &c.

fruit on the large, old plants - it was always at the very base of the long branches, which taken me where to look for the flower in future. It may not be so rare as I have supposed, it may have been covered by drifting sand on the very plants where I was seeking it in the axils of the upper leaves!

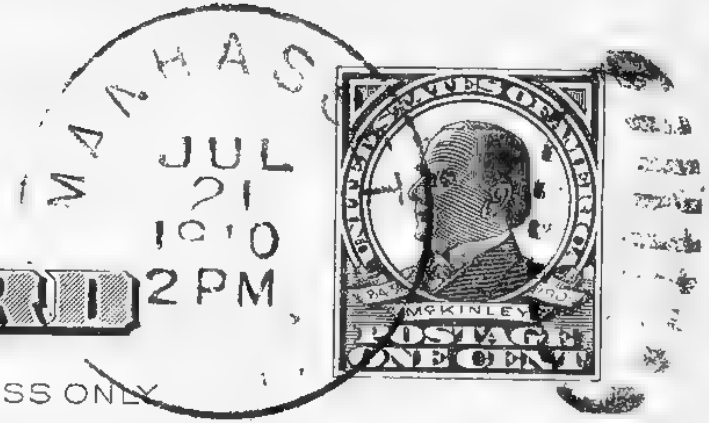
With all kind regards and the hope that nice "finds" are in store for you this summer,

Yours very truly

Marie L. Owen.

Manhasset, L. I. N. Y. July 20-1910.

Dear Mr Deane. Dr. Walter H. Chapin's address is 675 State St. Springfield, Mass. I hope you will be sure to send him your paper, — it will please him so much. I am glad somebody in Springfield has found fruit on E. Cyparissias. I had the plant in my yard and never noticed any fruit on it, although, to be sure, I did not know then how rarely it formed seed. I haven't written for that desired permission, though I should like it well enough. I don't believe the articles are copyrighted. Yours very truly M. L. D.



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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass

but the friend who took me there could guide a horse up and down stairs as an every day matter, and his horse, mountain-bred, — intelligent creature — could have done the same alone, too, I dare say.

Mr. Floyd tells me of Dr. Chapin's election to membership in the N.E. Bot. Club. He is worthy of the honor, and will value it I am sure, though I suppose he will seldom be able to attend the meetings. — With all kind regards to you and Mr. Deane

Yours very truly Marian L. Owen

16th Mile Dorchester St.
Brookline, Dec. 16, 1910

Dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Fernald's notice of Hyoscyamus niger in the September Rhodora, followed by yours in the November number move me to tell you what I know about it. I first saw the plant on Castle Island in Boston Harbor. My record is on our summer home in Manchester now closed for the winter, but the date must have been 1845 or 47, for in those years I was in South Boston, teaching at the

Institution — on the 4 Rivers

It has been found in Manchester as the enclosed shows — a copy of an entry of one of the additions to our flora in my interleaved book. It was very likely one and the same plant that these two observers saw, for between Commercial wharf and the steamboat landing is a long stretch as you know, and includes the corner of Whale and Main Sts.

In an earlier number of the journal Mr. Emile Williams tells of a drive in Franklin County with a cousin whom they saw

Waldsteinia fragarioides, a plant which pleased him much, and that sends me to records which I have here. (I saw the plant in Castleton, Vt. in 1851 May) and again in Jamaica, Vt. June 6 - 1876. (Waldsteinia was rare, — supposed it would always be found when you got to the right place. The locality in Jamaica was Hamilton Falls, a wild rocky region a paradise for botanists I am sure. At that time it was absolutely untouched by man, the spoiler, and seldom visited by anybody, for it was accessible only by a truly awful road,

Hyoscyamus niger, L., found between Commercial Wharf & the steamboat landing, by Ludwig Schumacher, who sent me a specimen from Millington, N.J. Aug. 16, 1888. (I received the letter Aug. 13.)

Edward Bancroft of Phila. found it at the corner of Whale & Main Sts., about the same time.

Roslyn, Nassau Co. N.Y.
April 9. 1911.

Dear Mr Deane,

A young friend has written to ask where she can get leaflets, or any literature, on the preservation of our wild flowers. I could tell her if I could reach my books and papers, but we moved out here yesterday, and my possessions are in trunks and boxes which may not come for a week.

This lady is an ardent lover, student and protector of birds, and I am sure will do good work for the flowers too.

Even after my things get here

It will take some time to unpack and find places for all. So I venture to pass the request along to you and hope it will not bother you much. Just a line or two on a postal card will be enough, and I shall be extremely obliged.

We have probably come out this time for good; the Brooklyn house will be given up, so the clearing out and transfer had to be thorough.

"Stands Scotland [i.e. our Manhasset house] where it did?" Yes, it hasn't stirred an inch, but our part of the township has grown so much in population that they have given us a post-office of our own, under the name which the old Dutch owners gave to an immense farm which had been owned in one family for nearly three hundred years, when they sold it to be cut up into building lots. Nay for Plandome is Dutch for Happy Home.

I hope Mr. Deane is well this spring — you too.

With kind regards to both

Yours very truly

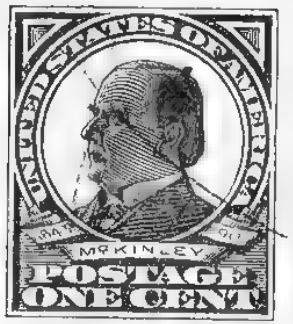
Maria L. Owen.

Flandome, L.I., N.Y. Apr. 12-1911

Dear Mr. Deane, The address above is shorter & just as good as with the county added. I still take Rhodora and I read your articles on Dr. Pennallow with interest. I knew him a little when he was in Amherst. You can send your "address" to Miss Emily B. Adams 63 — you boy! I never began to feel old till I had twenty years added to that age.

Yours very truly M.L.O.

Idylease Inn
Newfoundland
New Jersey.
I know she will like to have it.



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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Manhasset, Long Island
April 15. 1911

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Deane

An Easter card for both of you, with my thanks for your greetings brought by the Bellis daisies. The other is in anticipation of the birthday that is coming; not appropriate for a spring anniversary, but it is the only one I have that carries on in the word "birthday." May you have as many in future as you want!

With all kind regards to both

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen.

(over)

I have gone back to our old Post Office; I find it much more convenient for this house than the new Pendonna Office. M. L. O.

Gilmanton, N.H. Aug. 25. 91.

Being this my old address brings my letter of the house quicker than the new one.

Dear Mr. Lane,

Can Candia hope to draw anything near to us in Centaurium, so nearly connate for the union that it embraces, still Frasera arvensis, I'm not very conscious and in small or on a venture. I found a little patch of it under a tree in the Chase — my two hands would cover it — and have been watching it for rain ever since. I don't believe it is going to form any. Except for that lack the specimens are good.

When you reply will you tell me how rare Gillenia simplex or Vaillantia? Is the land form, which makes such a beautiful green bed? I have in mind a paper for a Rhodora on Oak's reports — it is Gentianoa — but I don't want it

Mead I'm much in a hurry. That is why
Commas. I am late about getting it
to Lauchner they mean, but I hope it will
reach the middle of June.

Yours with kind regards.

Maria L. Comer.

Manhasset, L.I. May 28. 1911

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am as pleased as you are about that Spermacoce, probably more so, for it is better to give than to receive. I wish you could see the flower when fresh, — like a cunning little Houstonia of a bright lavender and with the most delicate tube — as fine as a hair. If I thought Judge Churchill would like a specimen, I would send him one, but he probably keeps to the way he began with & his herb — putting only his own collections into it. But I will give you one more piece for you to bestow on some botanical friend and will put in an extra label to go with it.

You need not look up Lilaea in the books; I am not going to write a monograph on it, but an utterly unscientific paper telling the history of the plant on our island — found by Oakes, lost for some

sixty years then found again, — lost again, but to be sought again this year vigorously if circumstances favor me. I wanted to know if it was fairly common or somewhat rare, and what you could tell me of your own knowledge, and then I could judge how much of a time I should make over the thing.

And please tell me what Carey is lecturing from your town. It must be extremely rare and so I am extremely desirous to know what it is.

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

132 Pearl St. Huntington, Aug-18-1911

Can the miserable specimen I send with this be Iva xanthifolia Nutt.? Mrs. Nellie Flynn brought it to me yesterday, - fresh enough then, but it began to wilt and dry at once in spite of all my pains. She found a fine large plant in Howard St., a short street that runs out of the western end of Main St. Only one plant there as I understood it. She called it Iva but gave no specific name. I hope you are having a good time somewhere. Mrs L. Owen -

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Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

desire to make a name for himself — to show off before the world. The ambition which he had was to do good work without a thought of the credit & praise that it might bring him — he was diligent in work from the pure love of it. What he learned was gladly shared with all who cared for it, — it was a real delight to him to take a botanist out into the field, show him the rarities and tell him the observations he now made upon them. I will lend you whichever of these two articles you have not seen, — you certainly should have both.

Mr. Batchelder was a descendant of that Hugh Gallant whom Whittier brings into his poem of "The Sycamores," but the best of that man's

Y. Cambridge, Mass. Apr. 5-11

Dear Mr. Deane

Mr. Batchelder deserves the best notice that Rhodora can give him, but I am not the one to write it, because writing is a slow & irksome task to me. I know people who would push down without hesitation ~~what~~ in an hour what it would take me a week to compose — what a waste of my time which I need so much for other things!

Mr. Batchelder sent me two notices — one headed "A Gentle Life"

was enclosed in her letter — a cutting from some paper. Then she sent me a paper containing a longer notice. From the two a good article could be made, though valuable additions about his work could be supplied from their own knowledge by yourself and several at the Herbarium.

The newspaper article that gave the facts about his parentage, his work as an organist in different places, the surviving relatives &c — is valuable for its information, but is marred by serious defects in style; some of the expressions would set Mr. Batchelder's teeth on edge, for he had a charming style of his own, — clear, simple, direct and with a playfulness, a gentle humour when the subject allowed it. If you ever read those articles on the flora of Manchester & its vicinity that came out in a Manchester paper, you have seen good examples of this.

One thing in "A Gentle Life" should ~~be~~ not be repeated as it stands in any Rhodora article, — that is, that if he lacked anything it was ambition. When that is said of a man without qualification it implies indolence, or not using one's powers to their full extent, but the writer of this really beautiful tribute did not mean that. The ambition that Mr. Batchelder lacked was the

character was not set forth there, — the poet did not know it himself; he told my sister once that he wished he had known it — he would have added to his picture.

Mr. B. was also descended from the Rev. Stephen Bachiler who was in this country from 1632 on for a dozen years — more or less. His character, moral & religious, was unjustly attacked in his lifetime but fully vindicated now. My kinsman by both of these lines of descent and we value greatly both of these ancestors. I always like to know a person's forebears then I read his biography, but my taste may not be shared by all and besides half of the readers of Mr. Batchelder's obituary

might never have heard of these two men, one half of the rest would know only the more frivolous parts of Hugh's character, and the old estimate of the Rev. Stephen's, and it might seem to such to be of no great credit to come of such stock although Daniel Webster and the poet Whittier were of the Buckler descent.

At this late day I will send my thanks for the article about Nantucket from "The Bellman"; I liked it well enough to send it along to my sister-in-law in Philadelphia. You were more prompt in acknowledging the receipt of the letter in the N.E. Post. I do not know the author — I wish I did. What a task you have before you, — to bring the nomenclature of your great herbarium down to the present style! Pleasant though and certainly improving — instructive — for a change of names is bothering till one gets used to it.

With all kind regards

Yours most truly

Maria L. Owen.

write, write, and the housework was put into the hands of servants who could not do it half as well as I could.

This is light & frivolous stuff, though true, I insist upon that, and I write it with a heavy heart. My dear friend and kinsman is seldom out of my mind, and I mourn for him with true and deep sorrow which will never grow any less while my own life lasts.

Yours very truly,
Maria L. Owen.

Minimisset, L.I. N.Y. Oct. 20. 1911

Mr. Deane

I will try to outline an article about Mr. Babcock to be filled in by you or somebody at the Bot. Garden. Now

1. For what date is it wanted?
2. Is it "A Gentle life" or his other articles that you have seen?
3. Will somebody in Cambridge put in some of Mr. B.'s really good botanical work? This is due to him, and also to the magazine itself as showing why he deserved a farewell

tribute in its pages.

4. Please send my letters note. I could not reproduce it from memory, not from what you say, it may find part of it useful.

5. What is your opinion and advice about bringing in those two ancestors?

When you answer please do not think any one of the above four questions and one request immaterial. They are important, and if they are not all noticed in your reply, my part of the contract will be off, to you will do well to read over when you are writing your answer.

I never knew the exact meaning of the expression "the irony of fate" though I know well enough how it is used. For instance of myself. "From her girlhood all through life, writing from a school composition up to an article for Rhodora, was a tremendous task to her. She would have gladly taken, at any time, instead of such work a couple of hours in a friend's kitchen, washing the dishes for her, yet such was the irony of fate, she was continually been to

Manhasset, L.I. N.Y. Nov. 4-1911

Dear Mr. Deane

I write in great haste to ask you to tell Dr. Robinson, that I had rather write for the Jam Rhodora than to hurry up an article for December. Besides Mr. Batchelder will help me, as the enclosed letter shows, and what she can contribute is well worth waiting for. I will return the letter you have sent me very soon.

With all kind regards

M. L. Owen

Mainhasset, L. I. N.Y. Nov 10. 1911

Dear Mr. Deane,

I return with thanks Mr. Batchelder's letter to you, but will keep my own to you a little longer. I have now all the data that I can expect from Mr. B. for he is very sick with congestion of the spinal cord and extreme nervous prostration. She might not to have written me the long letter that I received yesterday, but the sole pleasure left to her now is to talk and write about her dear husband. I will do my best to have my article ready early in December but I foresee hindrances. I am

Glad a sketch like this is not like a piece of news. I'll bring it out at any cost at some definite time. Yours with kind regards

Marion L. Owen

I have found
to-day. Nov 23, 1917.

to
Mrs. Grace P. Johnson
Mrs. Neal Hall
Shipfitter
Navy

Cc Letter to
Mrs Alice
Lewis

Lieutenant L. J.
May 14. 1912

It contains of no
importance.

WD

- Count - Allstall

Countess
Bertram
Lafeu
Helena
Parolles
Dumaine(1)

Chinkhassett, May 19-1912

The marked Mrs paragraphs in the C. & M. were right to call my daughter's attention to some local and personal items. The "Poet" of "Poet's Corner" is rather clever than usual, though for part of the fun one must know the localities of the time of Thoreau. You may remember them, however. Just now was time for the name of the flower. I have lived in ignorance a year without serious results, and if another is added I can stand it. I have not seen the bird again. Cats are too thick about here. M. L. O.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

PLAINSTOWN
MAY
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1912
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N. Y.

U.S. POST CARD

Mr. Fallin Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

for many reasons. You will
remember that I was there
the summer that Dr. Murray
went to the island. She said
to me once "I want you to
come and visit me every
year as long as I live". But
time did its work on her,
and after the winter that I
spent at the Cathcart House
I never stayed with her again.
it was a good opportunity to

Manhasset, L.I. Aug. 16-1912

Dear Mr. Deane,

Can you tell me the
name of the enclosed
plant? I never saw it any
more than my friend Miss
Soule who sent it to me,
and without flower or fruit
what can we do? But you
probably know it by its leaves.

I have my article on Villa in Nantucket all ready for Rhodora if the editors will accept it, and I will send it to them or rather to Dr. Robinson when I hear that he has got back to Cambridge.

I hope you are away in some pleasant country place. I have not been to Nantucket this year, in the two places where I have felt so much at home of late years every room was taken early for the whole season, and I feel the weight of my years, I could not search the town for another place and could not find one either so perfectly satisfactory. I had a real home with my old friend Mrs. Starbuck

Shelburne, N. H.
Aug. 12th, 1912.

My dear friend:-

I shall not apologize for asking you the name of the plant I send with this, for I do not remember ever seeing it before.

It comes from a bog and resists

Menyanthes trifoliata

bud, flower nor fruit can be found. The young leaves are thick and pulpy when fresh, almost like rubber in feeling. The deep green of the roots stock is odd, and the plant is interesting.

~~I should ask Dr.~~

break up the custom -
Mrs. Starbuck will be
ninety-four years old
next month and although
fairly well for her age,
able to go out and call
on her neighbors with
the help of a friendly
arm, she has to have a
personal attendant

all the time -

Yours with all kind

regards,

Maria L Owen -

younger in health and & strength. I wish that Mrs. Coolidge enjoyed the same blessings.

With my regard to you and Mr. Deane,

Your obliged friend

Maria L. Owen

Manhasset, Aug. 23-1912

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am very much obliged for the name of that plant, and I can say the same for the folks up in Shelburne, though I have not heard from them yet. I know the pretty buckbean flower perfectly well, though I did not recognise the leaves; I never saw the plant growing but once and that was in Nantucket — now, how long

ago was it? My dear Cousin Eben Hallam told me there was "a new flower" out in a certain pond so out we went to get it. What fun we had! It was in deep water but Eben said he could swim. As for me years ago, we were neither of us married then, and now he is a grandfather and I a grandmother.

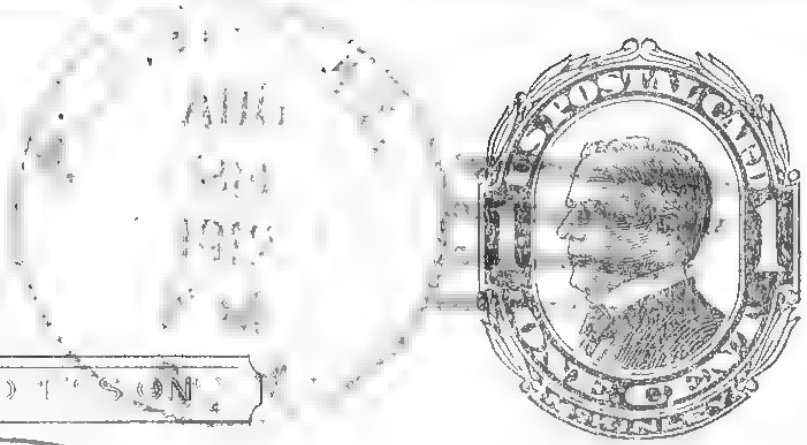
I have mailed my Tillaea article addressed as you advised me. Now think a little about my sending you the plant in 1895, when it was not discovered till 1904! It was Woodwardia angustifolia (areolata now) most beautiful specimens. I believe the largest were five feet high and so perfect. That clear and clean little pool all dried up now and the ferns gone. But I was not excited, only gay. Those pranks that I write to you about were performed for the amusement of the young relative with me; he was gay too and invented more pranks to celebrate the find.

What a splendid old age Dr. Coolidge is enjoying! He is nearly two years older than Mr. Starbuck, but ten years

Manchester, Aug. 28-1912.

I am sure I don't know myself what I mean. I wrote that article for Rhodora long ago, but revised it thoroughly very lately. Mr. Floyd has my Catalogue with original entries, but I will get it and make the dates right. How truly dreadful if it should get into print with them wrong! I am <u>immensely</u> obliged to you for your letter and will write again when the matter is settled.

M. L. D.



Mr. Walter Deane
29 Brewster St.
Cambridge
Mass.

Greenhaven, L.I. N.Y. Aug. 31-1912

Dear Mr. Deane

Tillaea was discovered Aug. 24-1894 and I lost no time in sending you word, Aug. 27th as you say. I don't know what attack of absent-mindedness or perhaps lunacy led to those singular remarks in my letter. I didn't have to send away for my own catalogue. The dates and records are all here in their proper places, and all right — right too in my Rhodora article, ~~and~~ as the first draft which I still have shows.

I send with this a copy of the latest report of the Maria Mitchell Association particularly to show you what they are doing in botany. Mrs. Albertson who is a cousin of M. Mitchell is an admirable curator; she is thoroughly interested in the natural history of the island and very efficient in promoting the study of it by the young people in every department — geology, ornithology, conchology, entomology and the rest of the island ologies, and her daughter Alice, the assistant curator, shares her mother's interest.

May their lives and their good work long continue!

Yours with kind regards,

Maria L. Owen

P.S. I am always glad to hear of Judge Churchill. Please give him my regards. M. L. O.

Manhasset, L.I. Sept. 11-1912 - 1 -

Dear Mr. Deane,

I sent you the M.M. report "for keeps," - I don't want it again - If there is any difference between the two names applied to the Association, it is that one is the legal designation and the other the colloquial term; that is my guess at any rate. Mrs. Albertson, the custodian is Maria's cousin as I told you; her husband is, like herself, a Friend - she has a sister who also married within the meeting; her husband Friend Hinchman is rich. It seems as if one of his pleasures in life is

to draw checks for the benefit of that association. Not infrequently we see that they have had a valuable gift but that the donor wishes to withhold his name. The observatory built on the grounds a few years ago is an example. Sometimes it is a much needed improvement that they are enabled to make through an unnamed donor — the improvement of the grounds and this work on the herbarium for instance. We always say these things to Mr. Hinchman.

The buckbean did come from that bog in Shelburne where you found yours.

Sept. 12 — We were yesterday afternoon till a gathering thunderstorm made it too dark to see. The storm soon burst upon us, not very severe, but it struck the pretty Episcopal church about two miles from us, down in the village of Manhasset and burnt it to the ground.

The Widener gift to Harvard is highly valued in this house as wherever there is a Harvard Graduate —

Yours with kind regards
Maria R. Owen

I hope that you and Mrs. Deane are well, and that Mrs. Deane's mother who was in failing health you told you, does not suffer and that she can still enjoy life.

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Dean

Manhasset, L.I. Oct. 23-1912-

Dear Mr. Deane,

I wish I knew what had become of my Illaea article. Can you ask about it sometimes when you are at the Herbarium? I sent it there directed to Dr. Robinson in August (Aug. 23-); I knew he was not at home, but you said they would know what to do with it there, and that I had better not wait for his return. I have heard nothing about it from anybody. I did not send stamps for its return, because

as Dr. Robinson had seen the first draft, and made no objection to it, I thought it was as good as accepted; but if it is not to be used and can be found and they will send it back to me, they shall have the stamps by the return mail.

And now a bird — we are fond of them here and wish we knew them better. Some of the migrants stop a day or so with us just now — quite a large flock of bluebirds for one kind; we were very glad to see them. Yesterday my daughter was just about starting for a train to New York and glancing out of the window she saw some birds acting like humming birds. They were close to a large bed of Cosmos in full bloom, poising on their wings and then darting at the flowers just as the humming birds do, but these were distinctly larger and brown or gray in color. My daughter could not spare a minute to watch them — she would have been in danger of losing her train. Can you give a guess about them? If you can we can perhaps verify it in our books.

Plaindome, Mar. 21 - 1913

Dear Mr. Deane,

The card within shall carry my Easter greetings to you and Mrs. Deane, and I shall write you a few lines besides.

Can you tell me the first name of Mr. Olney, a Providence botanist? He died many years ago, but I told Mrs. Alberson (curator of the M. Mitchell house) a rather pretty story about him and she kept it in mind for months, and

asked me to tell the whole up to date, in our church & I am willing enough to do. And what can I say of him? Was he "eminent" or "well-known" or "good" or what was he? I never saw him but once.

I hear from Nantucket sometimes — not as often as I used to, for my old friends are dropping away. Mrs. Starbuck died Feb. 22 at the age of 94, died of old age. Never had a pain or an ache, — took to her bed when too weak to be up, and was glad to be dead; she slept much, was happy when awake and finally just stopped breathing. Oh it is a great loss when a friend of a lifetime goes.

I had a pleasant letter from Mrs Batchelder today; she told me of the rare grosbeak that had been seen in Manchester.

Hoping that this may find you and Mrs. Deane well,

Your sincere friend

Maria L. Owen

Peandome, L.I. April 7 - 1913.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I am much obliged for what you sent me about Mr. Olney; I found just what I wanted, and much more, but I guess it is your way to do <u>more</u> than is required of you so as to be sure of doing <u>enough</u>. I have a little incident about Mr. O. to tell in the Nantucket Paper and when it gets into print I will send you a copy. I found from Dr. Gray's article that the gentleman was never married which I was very glad to know, because

I had had the impression or belief for sixty-four years that he had a wife but that they could not live together. Somebody must have told me so in 1849 when he went to Nantucket and I was invited to meet him as William Mitchell's.

There is an article of mine about the Henry Coffin Series on the island in the last issue of the Inquirer & Mirror which I will send with this. Those are the trees with which the Calluna and the Erica Tetralix came in.

I, too, wish that I could see the Gray Horse.

It is pleasant to hear of Judge Churchill as well and active; your letters seem to show that you are the same.

Yours with kind regards

Maria L. Owen

The Nantucket Inquirer & Mirror
May 10, 1913.

How a Kind Providence Favored a Botanist.

[Contributed.]

The gist of this story lies in its dates. I begin, then, by saying that in 1848 a great event for botanists occurred—Dr. Gray brought out his "Manual of the Botany of the Northern United States." Up to that time the only manual for the New England botanists was Dr. Bigelow's "Plants of Boston and its Vicinity," but a fuller work was much needed; many plants had been discovered within our limits in the thirty years since that work first appeared; the science, too, had advanced.

People bought the new manual, and besides using it to trace out the names of their "finds," they read it to see what to look for and where to seek desired plants, so Stephen T. Olney, of Providence, a most active local botanist, came across this: "Erythraea spicata; sandy shore, Nantucket." "What!" was doubtless his mental exclamation, "As rare as that? Only one locality in the whole country? Nantucket is not far off; I must run down there and look it up. And I can get the Obione, too, and the low Amaranth of the sea beach—both common enough on our southern coast, but rare north of New Jersey." So on the 8th day of the next August, 1849, he left his home and started for the island. Now the day before that a party of young people thought it would be nice to have a sail and a picnic and a good time generally, and they would not go to Tuckernuck, the usual place for such excursions, but to Coskaty. In these days they choose Wauwinet, but then that side of "the head of the harbor" was as unvisited as Muskeget—its very name still hidden away in old deeds from the Indians.

Well, a boat and a skipper having been secured, the party met on the wharf the next day, the 8th, and went aboard; this present writer had been invited to join the company, but for some reason, forgotten now, she could not do so. So at about the hour that Mr. Olney stepped forth from his house these gay young folks set sail from the wharf, and as they began

their respective trips at the same time, so they ended them, and the end brought them together. Mr. Olney came down the boat's gangway just in time to meet the Coskaty party on their return, and what did they have in their hands but small bunches of that desired Erythraea, a plant entirely new to all of them. An exchange was made at once; the Nantucketers gave the little flower, the off-islander the name, which my cousin George Clapp got from Mr. Olney in writing and then brought straight to me with some of the specimens. Its name now is Centaurium spicatum, but the name was changed from Erythraea long after Mr. Olney's visit.

Now there are some things about this occurrence worth reflecting upon. I will venture to assert that not a person on the island at that time knew of this little thing. To this day, with botanists coming every summer and diligently searching our whole island, it has never been reported from any part of our long sea beach, fifty miles or over, except from that place and a few neighboring localities, and at that time if it had met the eyes of the fishermen and the few gunners who went up there, they would have paid no more attention to it than to a bit of kelp or a penny shell. Mr. Olney would never have thought to take a boat and go to that remote spot; he easily found his other two desired plants; he had only to go to Brant Point and then walk along the beach where they were not uncommon —unattractive, weedy looking growths, the flower of both green and hardly larger than a pin's head.

He might well have expected Erythraea at every step, but no—that was to reach him through the nicest adjustment of circumstances. A variation of one mintue at any stage of his journey or of the sail-boat's trip, a choice of another day on either side, a choice of a different picnicking ground—my reader can lengthen as well as I, this list of possibilities, any one of which would have sent our visitor home, a disappointed man.

All botanists have their tales of curious incidents leading them to rarities, but is there any one quite as remarkable as this? None that I ever heard of. What shall we say of them? Each will have his own answer; mine is that a Providence which watches over even the sparrow does not disdain these seemingly trifling affairs of ours, but kindly leads us to our desired end.

Maria L. Owen.

Nantucket, July 2, 1914

My dear Miss Doale,

Mrs. Fallant has referred to me for some facts concerning Mrs. Coffin's life at Nantucket, and asked me to send the answer to you.

In her girlhood she was a pupil at the private school of Hezekiah Cyrus Pierce and in 1838, when the High School was opened with him as Principal, Maria Fallant was one of the thirty-five pupils.

She taught in Boston in the George B. Emerson School and in the Perkins Inst. for the Blind. Later she had a private school in Nantucket, which she

left in to become an assistant in the Nauk. High School. I think she was there till July, 1853.
Nov. 23, 1853

She was married to Dr. V. L. Owen, and went at once to Springfield, Mass.

I regret that I have not been able to find the date of her appointment as teacher in the Nauk. High School. I may find it later.

As one of Mrs. Owen's High School pupils, I can offer a grateful tribute to her unfailing patience and inspiration in her

later days it has been my privilege to spend many hours with her in search of her beloved wild-flowers of her old home. Three weeks before her death I took her message to the Children's Garden Class here "As we lay down our work I hope these young people will do all in their power to preserve the wild flowers and to make our dear island a clean and beautiful place."

Very truly yours,

Helen A. Gardner

Mrs. N. J. Allen
West Newton Mass.
may be able to give the exact dates of Mrs. G's teaching in Nant.

Mr. Deane

Do not return
Thos. Coke

Dear Mrs Deane,

I can find no information about Mrs Owen save the obituary in the Republican.

Mrs Owen was

1. Born Nantucket Mass
2. " 1826 (was 88 at death)
3. Maiden name
   Maria Louisa Pollard,
4. Early life unknown

Yours

Walter A Chapin

May 14.

over.

Maria L. Dorsey
Widow of F. V. L. Dorsey
died at Plandome L. I.
June 8 1913.

My dear Mr. Dean,

The only record of Mrs. Crane's first name is a copy of the Census of 1830. There it is given Maria Louisa Tallach age 5 yrs.

I am glad to help in the sketch of the life of an inspiring teacher and dear friend.

Yours truly
(Miss) Helen R. Gardner
Aug. 1, 1914.

220 West 57th St.

New York N.Y.

My dear Mr. Irving.

I am glad to know that you are in correspondence with Mr. Debussy and I hope you will get such items from him as will help you in the writing of your tribute to our dear friend.

I leave home to morrow morning for the Grey

[illegible]

Myrtle Hill,
Manchester, N. H.

to all others. It was a school endowed by the Admiral, & is still "going" tho' from inadequacy of means, it is reduced to a sort of semi-technical or "trade" school, in wh. children are educated for cabinet makers, machinists, carpenters etc.

Again I assume, and cousin Bertha Hazard says she is pretty sure of it) that Mrs Orne is buried in Springfield beside her husband.

I need not add that most of the letters I have had from Cousin Maria, contain matters of interest only to the immediate family. Botanically they are scarcely helpful, as she only recounted incidentally some local flora along very simple lines.

But the letters I send me may be of some slight use

Sincerely yrs

T. Schuyler Mathews,

Camb. May 23 '14

Dear Mr. Drane

I realize that what I wrote yesterday morning & enclosed here, is absurdly little with which to help you out. But I have still a hope I may get "a line" from Amelia to whom I have recently written again. She may not have rec'd my last letter. I sometimes make strange errors in directing my correspondence, but I most generally use my imprinted envelops.

Mrs Henry T. Sallant is still living & is in Philadelphia ~~Baltimore~~. I could write & ask her a few things - I'll do so today. I asked the Sp. Hort. Soc. to kindly send me a copy of that bulletin, wh. I rec'd a long time ago.

& end, or pass away to a near relative.

I do not see anything to what I suspect you already have, i.e. letters in re to botany in general & to Dr. Gray.

Other facts I know would clearly be useful to you. Mrs Owen was a member of the Unitarian Soc. in Springfield, & I know often gave to Church with her Father. I so not think she was married by Dr. Hale; as I have always understood she was married in Nantucket, presumably it was by the minister of the Unitarian Church there, or Dang's Church with which all our

Coffin family was connected. incl. my grandmother & my mother. But I am guessing at this.

Mrs Owen's Grandfather Coffin was one cousin to Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin, who founded the Nantucket "Coffin School" of which my Grandfather Wm Coffin was Principal at the time he died - Mrs Owen attended that School: so did my own mother (nearly 10 years her junior). The Coffin School was a strange sort of a high-school, devoted to the Classics, & incidentally free to all members of the Coffin family! but a private school

need of it & return at your leisure.
I am sorry it does not contain more
of interest in Cousin Mis early life -
You see Mrs Gallent was much younger
than my mother. Still, if cousin Mary
writes as she says she will to Amelia,
you can rely upon her for that something
will surely come from Amelia.
I got the cut from Springfield, & gave it
to Dr. Robinson. I promised to return it
to Springf. (Nat Hist & Art Museum) after it
has been used. Nothing more from Nantucket.
Today is cool, & very cloudy, wind N.W.
"Class Day" & the whole fund. will be off
at the Stadium & the Campus. I can't
spare time. Yesterday I inked in a drawing
for Rhodora (for Mr. Fernald). Didn't remember
the species. not familiar to me.
I get away Sat. if I can — Monday if I
must. Carroll goes with me. & we are
trusting to secure "help" in Compton. I can
always have my Mass Hum. Will send "for
regards. Cordially Yrs. Fred T. Mathews

June 16/14

Dear Mr. Drane

I was so sorry not to have
been able last Tues. to run over & say
good bye to you Mrs Drane, please give
her my regrets, and wishes for a healthful
& pleasant summer. All last week I was
in "a rush" and still I'm not out of it
this week. My expectations to get "off"
today were dashed some days ago.
There's so much to do at the last. I
still must trace carefully the leaves of
a good 100 species before I can leave.
My book includes 525 species, so you
can easily imagine that beyond what
there is in Camptonia & the Wh. Mts, plus
my many sketches of things southern
& western, there would be the 100 additional sketches which my book requires -

yesterday I named attendance as a number from [illegible] I am to early 11. There were a few things I needed to have looked into before I left the house

Then there is the never-ending, always perennial trouble about servants. I will not go & leave Mrs. M. with that problem unsolved. We have tried 3 Barbados barbarians, & they were so-yond the "limit." We are not so very particular either, but we do not propose to have a barbarian come in & drag us down to another plane of living! That's about the size of it — Ann want to see another room image in the house — I'm disgusted with their airs & bracelets & pigtails! — AND false hair & gold eyeglass for "hours off". This one we have who goes off next Thurs, has been here 9 days 5 nights of which she did not return home. So I or someone else in the hand. Let her in at 6.30 a.m.! That for, all those nights out heaven only knows, when expert liars explain reasons.

I get up regularly now at 5.30 or 6. a.m. ready for my multitudinous duties. My trunk is already partly packed, & I have sent word to my faithful handman in Hampton to expect me the end of this week or the Monday following. Of course after long "chases" & hints, we have a promise of a "Celtic" (Courtland) next Thurs. One refused the position recently @ $7. a week — reason too far away! I am rejoiced to be able to send you Cousin Mary Sallants' letter recently rec'd. Keep it until you get all you

small service has been of any value at all! I'm sure cousin Elwin would be pleased to know you undertook the task & successfully concluded it. I do not know what ails the Lullivans — it seems strange we have none of us had any response.

The Davis house is full of people & I suppose we will have a lively summer. Carroll seems improved already — his color is better. Dr. Williams again talked of "operation" when consulted just before we left Tome, but Dr. Swombly did not endorse his judgement. I did not approve the idea of course. Birds galore! all about us. Phoebe has 5 eggs in a nest near my studio window. Catbird sings & mimicks Whip-poor-will just opp. in the meadow. I have counted 20 species singing right around us, incl'g the Solitary Vireo, & "Nashville". All send best regards to you & Mrs Drane. I shall write later, as summer grows.

Ever Cordially Yours Fred. Mathews

Blair N.H. Jul. 6th/14

P.S. See at the drawings for my book. Sent 25 down to my Sat. In 100 more to do, & my maps also. These last reproduced excellently. 25 are done about 75 more to do. F.S.M.

Dear Mr. Drane

I have your kind postals. In reply to the second I must admit that I do not positively know the e is right. But my wife & I seem to think Louise is correct. I have dropped a card to Mrs Lalland to inquire. The reply will be forwarded to you, or to Dr. R. if your article has gone to him by the time of its arrival.

Yes, we have been soaked with rain ever since we came here. Carroll & I left Cambr. Thurs a week & more ago! Mrs M. & the others came Sat. and it rained all along! However the country needed the water. Frank H. came up when Genevieve did & will stay a few days longer, then he will go to Nova Scotia &

fill a summer position with Stone & Webster.

You will be interested to know that the Allens are just below us at Mrs. Davis's. Arthur is not only a great deal better (thus far fine normal) but he has "acre" Monsilanke. Saturday the young folks engaged a "local" automobile (F & G. Margaret Allen, Arthur, & Katherine Maynard) & all swung around to Warren (Monsilanke hung) & from there ascended the Mt. via the carriage road. Climbed the 5 miles in 2 hours (Arthur well in the lead!) Came down in the late p.m. & arrived home at 9 p.m. A fine day, excellent view & all happy over the exploit!

That seems extraordinary for A.!

Did you think so! For some years he has been inactive, & has eaten so much that he had become abnormally fat. He previously cared only to lie in a hammock while up here. Now he walks from the Davis up here frequently.

All our cottages are now occupied. The one on the hill is taken by some N.Y. people. Scott & Van Winkle! So Dutch meets Dutch — Schuyler & Van Winkle have hob-nobbed & discussed with mutual regret, the fact that the recent (2 yrs ago) fire in Albany destroyed nearly all of our Ancestor's records of lands, maps, deeds, etc. etc.

Harrow Anson Phelps Stokes with an expert hand, offered his services & has saved a large number of old records.

I'm glad you have been successful with your writing up of Mrs. Ferris career. I am more than pleased, it my

the time. She has a house full now 20 people, & no adequate maids. One young girl & 2 young men to help! in domestic detail time in Compton is deplorable. one cannot get any help. Yet Mr. Joe Elliot Prob. Pinegrowers Co. says in the early season he gets girls @ $14 - a month. Reason why - "tips" that is demoralizing. If wife Law could stop it. It cannot. It has done so for years in Italy relatively with Government officers etc.

We are all well. Frank is in N.S. (Sidney) Genevieve & he, last climbed Liberty near the Flume 4500 ft. I couldn't spare time to go. & the fam. wouldn't have allowed me on ½ of the treacherous ankle. But I'm well. Yes. I'm working hard. Any "book" spells hard work! You know that. I'm up at 6. at work at 7. finish at 6. occasionally a bicycle ride. I have 65 out of my 125 pen-&-ink drawings done. Many maps already complete, but my 12 water-colors must yet be done.

P.S. Pardon my hasty scrawling I hadn't time to send it over & correct it

Blair N.H. July 25th/14

Dear Mr. Drake

I meant to write to you yesterday, but in the press of work, I let it slip!

I have (Sunday) written to Dr. Robinson & told him to spell the name

Louisa

Funny! but I was sure - pretty nearly sure it was "e" But at last came a letter Sat. night from Mrs Lallant who is now in Canaan N.Y. saying Cousin Mi name was anglicised from a French woman's name

Marie Louise

& that she always spelled it Louisa.

So that is O.K. now - no thanks to Mrs. Sullivan. Cousin Mary Lallant said she would have responded

so sooner, but my letter crossed her from point to point. I sent it to Pia. He is very good & wants to help you all he can. She mentions Miss Soule may near you in S. I suppose that Judy is in possession of as much information as herself. Well, I'm glad if he has been helpful. My share is, indeed, little. I hope some time you will meet Cousin Mary Fallant. She is a quiet but intellectual person — related to us only by marriage, you know. But a really distinguished Northwesterner.

You ask about Arthur. All I can say is, the poor boy is perfectly happy here, & perfectly docile — That means all one can expect!

Of course psychologically, his case is a study — The brain is never completely upset, I think, in any abnormal individual. Arthur is abnormal, some corners of his brain are "arrested" at say a 15 year old point! In other respects his learning, and his intellectual memory possibly intact. It is very peculiar. In my sisters case — a case of prenatal arrested development, resulted in a not wholly imbecile individual. But he is as nearly the complete idiotic character as one could find. That is actually due to the entire destruction of the right lobe of the brain, or rather it atrophy. The direct result is a paralysis in part of the whole left side. Arthur's case is one of insanity ("dementia praecox" which physicians say is incurable. Still he is now where he ought to be outside of that terrible system with its noisy demented inmates. Cousin Lucy Davis is greatly interested in him & so long as her house was empty could not be

I told Dr. R. the various botanists had led me a dance of it! But that was in the text. I can get to settle with my miserable memory of names, & I lose no end of time yet, with synonyms. Occasionally, for example, my specimen, or sketch, or tracing is labeled with the wrong name, & I have to make it a 7th Ed. one! This I am absorbing & interest in the work & my drawings are being splendidly reproduced. I hope to get them by Oct 1st or earlier. Inside you can see the wonderfully fine geological maps which have been lent to me as an assistance in mapping out character of soil. I shall put in 1 or 2 maps showing geological conditions in U.S. & one showing the Thermal conditions. These will help one to understand the principle of distribution. In several - many - of my drawings I have entered the initials of coll. of the spec. used. Your own initials among them you see I'm taking liberties! But the credit

is due the collector. On a sep. page I for the name in full. This includes some strangers to me but also E. F. Williams. W. Drane. M. L. F. Dr. B. Judge Churchill etc I find this is the best way to establish the authority of my staff. Truncings they are absolute.

For all and love to one & Mrs Drane, wish I could visit around & see you & the McMillains. But in haste I remain.

Strong political conditions are being agitated. & Washington will need some its "boiling" next November. I agree absolutely with Mr. McKinlay on that point. My friend from Orizaba Mex. was up here in June at his brothers farm. You ought to have heard what he had to say! Whew!

Cordially Yours

Ferd S. Mathews

The Rev. Cyrus Pierce, was my mother's Aunt Harriet Pierce's husband. The Pierce "Lot" in Prospect Hill Cemty is next my grandfather Coffin's Lot - Nantucket.

You will be interested to learn that she taught in Geo. B. Emerson's School Boston. I think I have heard of that before. Mrs Lallant is right. I know positively that Mrs Dorr was in Waterville Me. with her sister Caroline Lallant, in 1868. I was a very small boy then, but I remember her interest & work in botany at that time in that place. I remember my mother's interest in her "findings" & also the indifference of my own Aunt Mary Davis (mother's sister) who at that time had no use for botany, but later developed a passion for "hunting down" the brown fern. I suspect the "persistence" Mrs Lallant speaks of was a characteristic Coffin as well as Hussey trait.

F.S.W.

of many of the large or celebrated trees in N. E. and when I wrote my book on the Subj. (it was intended for children or young people), she gave me an account of several remarkable or celebrated specimens. Mrs Owen was also, as you know, quite nearly related to Mr. Batchelder of Manchester thru descent from Hugh Lallant.
She wrote me that we were mutually thru more remotely related to him thru the Rev. Stephen Bachiler who came over from England sometime in the 16-30's.
Mrs. Owen broke up her home in Springfield & sold it about 5 or 6 years ago.
She had moved to Plandome with Amelia from Brooklyn early in 1911.
I enclose the last letter & postal rec'd from Cousin Maria, also Amelia's letter notifying me of her mother's departure. I have written to Springfield & asked for the photo taken from her photograph.

L. Sampson Mathews.

Notes in reference to Mrs Maria L. Owen.

Date of birth I dont know, but it was in February 1822. so she was a little over 91

Father's name I'm not sure of, but think it was Henry Lallant

Mother's name was Nancy Coffin

Mrs Owen was a direct descendant thru Henry Lallant of Hugh Lallant the early New England settler who came from Ireland. He is celebrated in one of Whittier's poems.

Nancy Coffin was my grandfather's (William Coffin) elder sister. She had died before I visited Nantucket as a boy in 1868 I dont know the date of her death or that of her husband.

Both are buried in the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Nant. next to the lot belong-

ing to my Grandfather.

I first met Cousin Maria in 1868 when I was a little boy. But I still remember her as she looked then — small, a bit old-fashioned, precise, & perhaps old-maid-ish. At that time she was deeply interested in botany, (August 1868), and was staying for the summer in Waterville N.H. not far from where my cottage now is, among the greater Southern White Nets. At that time I remember her showing me a number of specimens lately gathered among which was Cornus Canadensis, Tiarella Cordifolia etc. etc. all were, of course, Canadian in character.

Mrs Owen was related — thru the maternal branch of her grandfather Coffin to Benj Franklin, and Daniel Webster. I know little about the history of her life in Springfield, or when she was married to Dr. Owen. I met Dr Owen only twice and that was about 17 years ago — not long before he died.

Mrs Owen had a gifted son Walter (an architect) who designed the very beautiful little Art Museum in Springfield. He died not long after his father.

Mrs Owen had one younger brother Henry P. Tallant
one sister Caroline Tallant.

Both attended Dr. Edw. E. Hale's church, and the former was married by Dr. Hale. The sister was for many years secretary to Dr. Hale. (You will remember perhaps our Roxbury House was next door to Dr. Hales)

Mrs Owen was remarkably "up" in the fleshy fungi! I always, in visiting her in Springfield, had the good fortune to eat some of the mushrooms she collected — if it was in the season! She seemed to know them all, and gave me a succinct and graphic description of the poisonous ones which I was to avoid — But I often told her, I should decline to eat any except those she gathered. She also knew

Benj. Franklin
Daniel Webster

Early New Eng. settler from Ireland
Hugh Tallant of Whittier's "Sycamores"

Weld family of Roxbury, Mass.

3 Coffin =

= William Coffin

Nancy Coffin (buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Nantucket.) = Eben Weld Tallant (buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Nantucket)

——— = Matthews

F. S. Matthews

Varillas L. Owen = Therin Louise Tallant (first Mary G. Tallant)
Deputy interested in botany — Aug. 1868 —

Henry P. Tallant (attended 2nd & Hale's church Marion & Dr. Hale)

"Caroline Tallant" (attended 2nd & Hale's Church)

Walter L. Owen (died) geologist - designed the beautiful Otter Crest museum in Springfield.

Amelia Owen = James Sullivan

= Mary G.

"Caroline Tallant
(for many years secy to Dr. Hale).

2. Nancy Coffin descended from Tristram Coffin and others of the early settlers of Nantucket.

3. Coffin 1st Pres. of the trustees of the Coffin School. Mrs. Owen began her schooling there and probably finished it at the school of her uncle Rev. Cyrus Pierce.