

Scripps Inst. for Oceanography
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Dear Mr. Deane:

It was a pleasure to receive your card of Feb 4th which found us in the middle of the Arizona desert where we spent three weeks giving lectures and travel talks and for recreation exploring that wonderful desert. I enclose two snaps of some of my favorite giants, so silent & tall like ancient temples raising their green columns to the sky. I counted thirty-five arms on one the day I took these pictures. I am making lantern slides of all my films so that I may give

a talk to our Nature Club (250 members) when we get back. It is great fun coloring them while the picture is still vivid in my memory.

We brought about 800 of our foreign slides and have lectures on our Mediterranean Cruise, Rome, Virgil, Florence, Jerusalem & Spain. By giving these lectures we are paying the expenses of our trip - otherwise we could not afford to close the farm for the winter & seek a warmer clime. We gave 17 lectures on the way out, have three here next week, then three in S. Barbara and about a dozen around S. Francisco, we

do not expect to get home until sometime in May. We hope to rent our farm land so that life will not be quite so hard this year.

How you would enjoy this place a whole institution for studying the ocean! Plants, animals, slides, minds, floor, etc. We have a little cottage facing the wonderful Pacific and each evening we sit on our front-piazza and watch the glorious sunset. No two evenings the same. Often we gather drift wood on the beach & bring it up for a wee fire if it happens to be at all chilly when we get up in the morning, & it

has been very warm lately
& we have not gone out in the
sun any more than we can
help. When the sun sets I go
out with my hose to sprinkle
the flowers. In the garden I
have large geraniums, Shasta
daisies, pink carnations, violets,
pansies, nasturtiums, cannas,
Calla lilies, & crimson Amaryllis
all in full bloom. Shipcase
combines many of the charms
in one, namely flowers, ocean,
mts, sunshine, & birds - all at
once.

I took a climb on the mt back
of the house several days ago
& gathered 20 different California
wild flowers - poppies, cream
cups, forget-me-nots, lupines,

and many new things I had
never seen before - Here is a list:-

1. *Orthocarpus purpurascens*
2. *Plagiobothrys orthocephalus*
2. *Diplacus puniceus*
4. *Platystemon californicus*
5. *Eschscholzia* .. a
6. *Brodiaea capitata*
7. *Lupinus* ..
8. *Raphanus sativa*
9. *Anemone*
10. *Phacelia ramosissima*
11. *Gilia dianthoides*
12. *Boeria gracilis*
13. *Ceanothus div.*
14. *Collinsia bicolor*
15. *Salvia columbariae*
16. *Evening primrose*
17. yellow - pea-family
18. purple - ..
19. *Erigeron* ?
20. Blue rose ?

The latter I have not identified

yet. No doubt some of the spelling
is incorrect, but I have no
books by me to refer to.

How you would love to poke
about among the birds & flowers
here. I hope the rheumatism
has not troubled you this
winter & that you will be
able to get out early to enjoy
the wonderful spring.

You & Miss B. must not forget
us. We wish we could see
you both sometimes. The
memory of our short acquaint-
ance remains with us as
the years go by.

Ever yours cordially
Florence Peebles



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