

Mt Washburn, Ton

26 June 1898

Dear Mr Collins:

Your letter of the 21st came yesterday: we arrived on Tuesday by the first train up the Mt & opened the house. The Kelp came also & workmen to fix & paint & get all ready for the regular opening next week.

We have had only one day of good weather: Thursday when we took in the alpine Garden & found many interesting early things: the *Rhododendron Lappaceum* & *Diapensia* & *Cassiope* & *Eupetrum* in flower:

also *Arctostaphylos*
alpina in flower & young
fruit: the flowers are
from deeply bracted buds &
in clusters of 2 and 3,
and the young fruit
is on a short pedicel
six times the length of
the fruit, & capped
with the 'decaying corolla'.
This young fruit must
be eaten by insects or
birds or otherwise
perish, as it so seldom
matures. I think
very few Botanists
have seen it in this
very early state.
Mr Taxon had never
mentioned it this way
perhaps this year is
exceptionally good
for it.

I got several mosses,
particularly a *Xomalina*
or *Neckera* looking
moss on damp earth
under rocks - several
vars. of *Polytrichum*.

The wind has been
high the fog has
been 'cheese like' &
the Ther abt 40°
with one snow storm.

I expect to be at
home on Monday evening
but Mr Williams &
Mr Greenman can stay
several days longer &
I hope will have better
weather.

Truly yrs
Geo. F. Kennedy



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