

Marine Biological Laboratory
Woods Hole, Mass.

Aug 2, 1892.

Dear Mr Collins,

I wrote to Prof.
Bailey about a week ago asking
him to send me some *Delag-*
inella apus in fruit. My
letter reached him at Block
Island where he is unable to
obtain it. He replied that
although he could not ob-
tain he thought you might
readily do so. I want
some material very much

and so have ventured to ask
you to help me obtain some ^(i.e. not pressed but living)
I would like as much fresh
material, in fruit (it ought
to be now in fruit) as I
can conveniently get.

If you can procure some
without inconvenience it
will be a very great favor.
I have searched all the
fresh-water ponds ~~herabouts~~
without avail and am
quite positive it cannot
be had here.

I have been here since the first of July
studying under Dr Letchell of Yale (formerly
of Harvard). We are working on Cryptogams
(especially Algae) and histology of ~~Phaeo-~~
gamus. It is a delightful place to work

and as Dr Letchell gives half a dozen of us
his entire time we have practically private
instruction. I have thought of you
very often and wondered how you were
spending your collecting time. I should
be very glad to hear from you at any time.

Juncus Greenii is not uncommon here. *Drosera filiformis* is found abundantly about twelve miles from here. I have discovered a *Sphagnum* bog in splendid fruit. The Holly hocks of the place are infested by a rare *Fungus*. One can find plenty of fine specimens of *Ulmus alata* (planted as shade trees) in a short stroll. I have been too busy to get

many *Phaeogamms* as yet
but will get time for that
a little later when the
algae are not so plenty.

Prof. Bailey seems to be
enjoying his stay at
Block Island very much.
I am glad the small
pox scare was so short-
lived. Do you take
your vacation at the
shore or inland? Re-
member me to Prof.
Bailey when you see

him. I wish you might both
be here. I am sure you would
be delighted with the place and
the opportunities for work. With
best wishes for a pleasant vacation,
I am,
Yours very sincerely
W. J. V. C. Stebbins



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