

Prov. May 22, 1896.

Sec'y. Portland Nat. Hist Soc.

Dear Sir:- At the organization
of the Inneagon Bot. Soc. of Me.
at Portland last year I was ^{without my knowledge} appointed
(~~without my knowledge~~) chairman of
the Bryophyte comm. ~~It was done~~
~~without my knowledge~~ and I did not
learn of it until some months
later. I am very much interested
in these ~~little~~ ^{tiny} mosses, although
I have never had the time to do much
with them, and have been ^{very} busy
all winter at the University so that
up to the present time I have
done almost nothing, that a member
of the above mentioned committee
~~ought~~, should. However, they say,
"better late than never" and it is
for the purpose of getting the "lay of
the land" as much as possible before
the Farmington meet next mo. - so
that we can try and come to some under-
standing ^{there, if possible} as to methods of work &c. -
that I write you now. I have several
inquiries to make in regard to
Me. Bryophytes and bryologists.
~~First of which is~~ does the Soc. of Nat. Hist

have any collection of mites? If so
about how many ^{and} are they named
on unnamed? ^{How put up?} Who collected them?
etc. etc. (generally speaking)

Second. Can you give me a list of
names and addresses of ~~any~~ persons
who are interested in the mites of
Me. either as students or collectors—
particularly the latter?

Third. Do you know of any ^{list} (published
or unpublished) of Me. mites other than that
in Rand & Redfield's Fls. of Mt. Desert.

Fourth. — Can you give me any other
information that would be of interest
directly or indirectly, to one that
desires to do the best ~~that~~ his ~~time~~
~~and~~ ^{very} limited ^{time} experience will permit
in working up the mite-flora of
his native state?

Any information you can give ~~me~~
or "draw up" for me will be
gratefully rec'd. and if things
turn out as I hope, I think your
Svc. (~~Part~~) will be ^{very} the gainers in
the end. at least I shall try to make
it so. Most sincerely
J. J. C.



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