

Springside,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dec. 26, 1917

My dear Dr. Kennedy:

I was much pleased to receive from you that excellent portrait of yourself that came a few days ago. I have nothing so dignified of myself to send you in return; for one thing the subject does not admit of this, & of the poor attempts that have been made, the stock is at present exhausted. But I am sending for your amusement an enlargement of a snap-shot made by Prof. Petersen of the University of Vermont, who was my companion on a trip after Rubus specimens in the mountains of southeastern Vermont, Oct. 18, 1915. I had just found along the West River R.R. a new "thing" — I didn't call them "hybrids" any more, but "intermediates" (a word by any other name would smell as sweet). Absorbed in my examination of this unique creature, my friend snapped his Kodak. I heard he had it enlarged & hanging in his study, I looked into the matter & took a copy home; and my daughter had the "check" to say it was the best picture ever taken of me, & to arrange for a half dozen extra copies. So I send you a copy, without a spark of vanity, believing in all humility that probably my daughter is in the right.

With kind regards for your daughter, & the best wishes of this "hallowed and gracious" time for yourself —

Sincerely yours,

Erva Brainerd



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