

Springside,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Jan. 24, 1910

My dear Mr. Deane:

I am very glad that Mr. Mathews will make drawings of the ends of our white violets, & I enclose four packets containing <sup>seeds</sup> of the four that I had represented in a rude way with paraffine crayons. The colors & markings are best brought out by a compound microscope with low power & good light. Of course there are various shades of color due to more or less imperfect ripening.

I send also in a separate enclosure a specimen of *Euphorbia Cyparissias*, that has very immature fruit. I think that four weeks later the fruit would have ripened & given good seed. But all that I have found elsewhere seem to have unfertilized ovules. I suspect that a dry thin soil is more favorable to its seedling.

You sent me the white violet from Shelburne May 27. I enclose your letter of that date which will help you to recall the plant — see last five lines on page 1. Please return the letter some time.

— I have added to the packets of Violet-seed. 3 other collections so as to have a complete set <sup>of the ends</sup> of our white stoloniferous violets east of the Rocky Mts. — hoping that Mr. Mathews may be willing to draw them also. I would like one of these days to write up on the seed-characters of our violets. If I could only get suitable pictures to illustrate, it would be of much interest.

Sincerely Yours,  
Ezra Brainerd.



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