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Mr. Walter Deane,
29 Brewster St.,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Deane:

Your kind letter of May 2 received.

Lamium purpureum is found in various places about here. Professor Hitchcock collected it this spring, too. It is in our local list. The man who said we had only *L. amplexicaule* was certainly mistaken -- as we all are at times.

We all enjoyed your brief visit and regret you did not stay longer. I am particularly elated just now over *Cypripedium acaule* in bloom in my garden. I transplanted it from a sphagnum swamp last summer. There are between seventy and eighty species of our local flora now well established in the garden. I did not realize there were so many until I counted the list recently. This does not include any shrubs, though several are native, but only the things I have brought in from the woods and fields. The dozen or more violets are especially thrifty. There are some 15 species of grasses, *Uniola latifolia*, the gem of the lot, in front of a *Spiraea* and a background for Frau Drushki--if she ever blooms.

2--Mr. Walter Deane.

This rose does not take kindly to Casa Contenta's red clay. This is the third one. I hope it will live. There are 10 species of Panicum--these are not as easy to raise as violets and Antennarias. I hope by the end of this season to have doubled or trebled the species in my "botanical garden".

A few days after you left a letter from Cleveland Abbe, the astronomer, was shown me. He was trying to find out who you were--there was no doubt from his description who it was. I suppose you have heard from him.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Deane.

Yours respectfully,

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