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

Dear Mr. Deane:  
*Your letter received.*

I often wish Professor Hitchcock would write up his journeys with their adventures and human experiences. His "Floral Aspects" and the like are very interesting and valuable but there is so much of general interest that is never put in print.

I do not think there is much risk of loss in sending specimens to Germany, under normal conditions, at least--at present, of course, anything may happen. We have sent packages of specimens to Berlin and Munich and nothing has been lost. I sent a few grasses, new for the West Indies to Dr. Urban a short time ago. I think all countries have the legal right to open all packages--the United States has, and we must tie our parcel-post packages so that they may readily be untied--but I think few packages are actually opened. If you mark the package "Herbarium specimens, without value- Herbar Exemplaren, ohne Wert" I think it will be delivered without opening. It might be well to paste down a corner of each label or even loosely strap the plants to the sheets, but we have never done this. Where does Mr. Blaschka live?

Your white-throat sparrows are with us now. You must have enjoyed the A. O. U. meetings. I heard Donald Dickey twice here (with his pictures) on his New Brunswick hunting trips with a camera. I hope he will be here with his Layson birds.

*unseen box for grasses*  
With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Blaschka*  
*Agnes Chase*

Agnes Chase, Acting Systematic Agrostologist,  
Bureau of Plant Industry.

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