

Landendale, Wis.
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My dear Mr Deane:—

We came up here
a week ago to-day. and already
things are so settled in their
places that it seems as if we
had been living here right along
since last summer. For my
own part I was loth to leave
Rockford quite so soon. There
had been no weather to provoke
a hankering after lake-side
cottage life and goodness knows
we had had enough of water
this spring and the care for a
further intimacy. But the children
were importunate and I could
assign no other reason for wishing
to stay except that I wanted to
look after the garden and enjoy
the Sweet Peas that were just coming

into blossom - I have done a
little collecting but it is scarcely
worth mentioning only, as an earnest
of better to come - I have been
trying to make some good specimens
of our Western Pandora but it is a
difficult subject - The petals - like the
leaves - have one surface from which
the moisture escapes readily and the
other almost as impervious as if
varnished - It follows that where the
petals lie thickly exposed near the
center they dry very slowly and as a
consequence discolored - I have also
gathered some Carex Tribuloides var
Bobbis - partly because it is almost the
only Carex that has not gone by - partly
no doubt for its names sake - Bailey
says of this "common throughout" but
I have never received it from any
locality east of Michigan (D. Clarke)
from Mich. westward it is indeed
common and looking afire - more so
than in the herbarium - like a good
specimen - If you have this from the
eastern states please remember me
for a specimen - and I will fill the
vacancy thus made in your Duplicate

Herb. by specimens from Sunderland all -

There must ^{be} great social or other
improvements to carry you to a
region where the flora has been
so thoroughly explored that a
botanist and an enthusiastic
collector like yourself is reduced
to "circling about in front of the
house" on a bicycle for exercise!
On the "streets of Cambridge" I
should not have been "surprised"!

With W. W. Bailey I have
had occasional correspondence
for years but I have never met
him - Mattie says that his
wife and children are "lovely."

Cratty sends me, some time
ago a plant for identification
which he said he "couldn't even
guess at" - It was nothing less
than Carex sychrocephala! He is in
hopes to get more of it this
season - I had a few meagre

specimens - including some from
the original collections of Kneiskern
and Vasey - but all bunched together
and doubled five times over they
could not have equalled Cratty's one
specimen -

I did a little piece of botanical
work and so was work for I was
driven to it - just before I came
away from Library and Herbarium
viz. reporting on the Willows of the
Death Valley Expedition - I have
been thinking for sometime that
should have to knock Salix Californica
smithii in the head and Correll's
specimens from the Sierra Nevada
finished the business - S. Barclayi
Anders. as now understood has a
range from Alaska southward along the
Cascades & Sierra Nevada to California and
presents another of those protean species
which is more just as reasonable
to call three or four as one - for even
this one presents an almost unbroken
transition from S. cordata to S. ~~flavescens~~ ^{flavescens}
I imagine I never so much as once thought
ten years ago that S. Californica might be only
variety of a species which as then known was

Decidedly
Cordally
kindly
attracted
in all
ways



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