

carefully - But this is a  
very wonderful hybrid! This  
one of Mr Hansen and I would  
some rich somebody please  
go down in their pocket to  
enable Mr Hansen to write a  
"Memoir" about it. And what  
in the name of common sense  
could he write if he were  
given the chance! With the  
first sentence about this  
hybrid I thought he was off  
on a merited tribute to  
Dr Kellogg - But no! He was  
just blowing his own horn.  
I got all I cared to get  
out of this story of "where the  
Big trees grow" in an "Rapid  
review" but my wife was not

Demoist Ga<sup>th</sup>  
March 19<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mr Deane: -

Please excuse the  
use of a pencil till I can get  
a new stylograph - for which I  
have sent to my son in Chicago  
I found that the use of a pen  
was bringing back symptoms  
of the penman's paralysis with  
which I was threatened years  
ago and from which I found  
a happy relief in the pencil  
point - so to speak - of the stylo-  
graph -

You ask my opinion of  
Geo Hansen - You ought to have  
given me your opinion and I  
left me to revise it if mine  
differed, but since you ask

True goes! He is the peculiar  
product of the German scheme  
of education. I have known  
several such, including one  
genuine professor at Erlangen.

They are all German - no other  
country on the face of the earth  
produces their like! Mediocre  
talent, coupled with exceptional  
receptive capacity, mistaken for  
working force - over educated -  
egregiously self centered - an  
everlasting scheme for somebody,  
or "the government" to furnish  
them the means to do some  
transcendent work when they  
have not the capacity to do  
the simplest thing well -  
Take this Catalogue for  
instance. It is a regular

school boy performance - How  
one gets the measure of this  
botanist by noting the things  
omitted as well as those presented.  
The Gramineae Cyperaceae and  
Juncaceae totally left out - "Zoo  
baed" for Mr. Hansen evidently -  
and this too in a collection  
determined by another person -  
Think of the different list  
Poirer or E. Hall would  
have given! Then he finds  
a hybrid Oak. Dear! Dear!!  
What a magnificent discovery!  
I venture to say there is not  
a botanist living anywhere  
in the U. S. who can not  
find a hybrid Oak if he  
will search his neighborhood



let my wife go for the leaves! 'Theres gallantry for you! I believe some parties in N. Carolina - One nurseryman at Highlands for one - send jalap leaves worth to be used for decorative purposes.

I have an impression that the altitude of Demorest is 1600 ft. but I may be way off - I will enquire -

As I do not own the New Field, Forest & Garden Botany Bailey - I have not a doubt is much better qualified to compile such a flora than Dr Gray. In fact with Dr G. is was simply a distasteful task or distasteful for the purpose of preventing Words

going to let me off so easy. She took the story sensation and made me listen to a lot of it that evening - read aloud - Poor fellow! He is "ill adapted" Predestined to disappointment. You can not keep him! If he would only milk his cows and feed his pigs and work for the most there is in his present situation as superintendent of our experiment station - Take his Botany as a recreation. Bring in a good big arm full of wood to make a fire next morning - Love

his wife all he wants to  
and keep it as a home  
affair - there might be  
some hope. But this  
restless unceasing passion  
to be put in the way of  
doing something ostensibly  
for the cause of Science  
but in reality to feed the  
inordinate vanity of Geo  
Hansen can only end - as  
I said before in bitter  
disappointment - The covert  
begging too - How essentially  
foreign it is - No American  
- I don't care who he is  
or what wreck in life he  
follows - would do such a

Thing. x x x But I must leave  
myself room to disclaim all credit  
of picking these Galax leaves, the  
plant is not very common here -  
grows only in a few favorable localities  
at a mile or more distant - Usually  
found at the foot of steep hills with  
a north exposure - where there is more or  
less seepage and dense shade. It is  
at home and flourishes in the  
mountains farther north. It was a  
pleasant day and wife and I took a  
walk to the rapids in Hazel Creek -  
Arrived at the crest of the steep  
declivity at the foot of which the  
Galax grows I reasoned thus. I  
can go down ever so easy. It would  
be lots of fun to pick these leaves.  
But Oh! the getting back again  
up that hill. So what should I do  
but rest myself in a stump and



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