

glad you liked the teratological  
Philadelphus. We have so many a  
botanical curiosity in our garden,  
that I should be glad to show you  
sometime. Otherwise it goes all well  
with us and we three live on peace-  
fully our life together. Time flees  
too rapidly, and owing to this also  
life. How soon a year will be past  
since our wedding.

My mother, my wife and I unite  
in every good wish of the new year  
to Mrs. Deane and you, wishing it  
will present you both good health  
and good luck. We also wish this  
the venerable Dr and Mrs. Coolidge.

With warmest greetings and  
renewed thanks for your friendliness  
very sincerely yours

Rudolph Blaschka

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Dear Mr. Deane,

Today is here a holiday and I  
use this opinion to write a letter to  
you with our warmest thanks to  
Mrs. Deane and you for your good and  
friendly Christmas greetings, the  
dainty cards. We all, my mother,  
my wife and I thank you sincerely.  
We hope that you both have been  
well all the time and that your  
Christmas was a cheerful one. Our  
eve was pleasant and bright, but  
the holidays were disturbed as my  
wife fell sick with heavy tooth-ache  
combined with a feverish catarrh. We  
were so sorry. Why such torments  
always use to choose the most in-  
opportune moments. But illness is  
never opportune. My wife is much

better now, but she has yet  
to be careful in the abominable  
weather of this curious winter.  
Since autumn it rains every day,  
no ice, sometimes it is warm as  
in spring. Today it seems to get  
a little winter-like, but the snow-  
flakes melt at once and make that  
pleasant mixture called, 'splash' in  
Boston. What a benefit this moisture  
would have been on last summer  
to prevent the drought and its abuse  
by the dealers and Agrarians. A  
certain Haussse may be justified and  
everyone feels it, but there is much  
exaggeration and greediness also in  
the play. In all trades they use  
the occasion to charge more. I lately  
got some bills for some renovating  
work done in our house by carpenter,  
mason, locksmith etc. and I was  
surprised how much the prices for all

had risen since the drought!  
Next Friday is a significant day  
for Germany, the great election to the  
parliament. I am very curious at  
the result. The agitation of the  
fractions is struggled this time with  
unusual rage, and we could discern  
two big groups of antagonism, war  
or peace. The one are the representatives  
for the increasing of fleet and army  
and undertaking policy, the others,  
specially the Socialists are antimilitary.  
On a sober consideration of all these  
matters, a quiet future cannot be  
prophesied. I have never spared much  
time for policy, but my rating has  
always been liberal. It is too hard in  
the present chaos to believe in the  
Evangelium of any fraction.

I am yet very busy in filling up  
the gaps of my consignment, mixed  
of Botany and Zoology. I was very



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