

The botanical society were hospitably entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Booth at her Longmeadow home, the attendance being larger than usual. The society were occupied with analyzing sedges and other specimens. They are to be presented with a full set of sedges by Prof Bailey of Michigan. !

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am not the only one of our Society who will feel mortified when they read the above in the Republican this morning. At the meeting yesterday I reported that according to the instructions of the previous meeting I had written to you, and then I read as much of your reply as related to the matter, and every member but one I am sure understood all about it. This one, ^{although} good-hearted and conscientious, has a way of getting things wrong end first, or only half of a thing, and one ought to be a continual case to us - that is, we ought to make sure that one understands if nobody else does, because there is a fearful

Creature, a Republican reporter,
who boards in the same house with
her, and he usually gets something
from her to make an item for his
paper. We have no wish to appear
in print, but we don't care either,
if they will keep to the truth. So
this morning we read of a full
set when we know by the Gazette
and your letter both, that it is to be
a small one, and of sedges when
we know it is only of Canices, and
that it is to be presented when we
shall be only too happy to pay as
we expect to do, any price that
Prof. Bailey puts upon it.

Last week there was an error
important enough for me to sit down
and write two papers to have it cor-
rected. So much time wasted, or diverted
from my catalogue, for instance.

Our Longmeadow member had
collected diligently for us, and
we found heaps of specimens for our
examination. *Carex riparia* was
new to us all as we are but
beginners in that order. There was
a fine specimen of *Arabis perfoliata*
4 ft 20 in. in height and low high
above the root it was cut we couldn't
tell. Mr. Robbins had been up to Mr. May
and had obtained 125 specimens of *Bar-*
Simplex from the same spot where
it was so abundant last year.
This *Proth* is a microscopist and I
have ^{sent} told is one of the most expert in
the country in mounting.

Yours very truly
W. L. Owen.

Springfield

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