

What is there to the discovery in Nant.
of *Liparis Loeselii* and a new little
form of *Ophroglossum vulgatum*? Mr. Dune
& Mr. Churchill were the happy finders - but
that is all I know - Anything else that
Mr. C. tells you will be new to me - Mr.
Dune adds *Geranium Carolinianum*
to the list, and also *Rhus venenata* -
a quantity in Cubo's Swamp - Dr. Willis
reported it, but I shall fear nothing in
on his unsupported authority -

I wish I knew the ten Carices that
you have not yet in your herb.
They must be the rarest I suppose,
I don't know what are the
rarest.

Yours very truly
Maria L. Owen

Spring, Field
July 5. 1886.

My dear Mr. Deane,

I am glad to hear that we
are sure of a set of the Carices. I
shall report to that effect at the society
tomorrow. And will speak of the northern
plants. I hope we may have as good
even with the roses as you did.

I hope Mr. Stebbins collected some
radice, but I shall not know for
some time because

Solomon Stebbins of the city library goes
to-day, with Mrs Stebbins, for a two-weeks'
stay at Mount Mansfield, the most noble height
of the Green mountains in Vermont. When
it is said that at least six species of fern that
do not grow in this part of the country are
found on Mansfield, his friends will know that
Mr Stebbins is going to have a delightful va-
cation.

When he comes back I will see
what exchange I can effect for you -
And when you go back to Cambridge
I wish you would do something for the
Nant. Catalogue at the Herbarium -
In the Manual p. 171, *Fillaea* is omitted

to Nantucket, but it has never been found to my knowledge, by any living collector. Bigelow makes no mention of it in his Plants of Boston - I wish I knew who did find it, and I think there may be a specimen in the Herbarium will tell. There is no other clue - the finder's name may be in Eaton's Manual, but I cannot think of any body who owns that book. If you will make a note of this and look it up for me at your convenience I shall be extremely obliged.

Mr. Dame was to start for Nantucket the 3d. He has taken Bloomingdale, a place on the edge of Liasconset, for the reason - I wonder if Mr. Churchill did not go the same day. Dr. Swan is to go next Saturday the 10th, for how long a stay I know not. I have sent, at Mr. Dame's request, a list of all the

Umbellaceae, Cyperaceae & Gramineae known up to date.

A friend took me out to Concord once to dine with Mr. Emerson - it was before I was married and thus comes but is back in the '50's. I remember the house very well, but am not clear in my mind whether it was the "Old Manse". But I am pretty certain that Mr. Emerson lived in that same house till his death. That is the only time I was ever in the famous old town.

July 12. Dr. Chapin told me that Mr. Hibbins collected rooted specimens of *Bor. simplex*. We thought we would not push for any more plants, ~~at present~~ ^{now} than the Candies. We have never bought any so far, and it seems best at present to add to our Lib. (by purchase) only such as can help in our immediate studies.

I see somebody has found a *Carex* at Lake Hopatcong that is not in the Man. or in Mr. Bailey's list, *C. ptychocarpa* - but

I have come to a stand-still
about Mr. Murray. I can do but
little myself to make his path to
the island straight and easy —
Mrs. Starbuck is the person through
whom I must work and the last
I heard from her one of her daugh-
ters was very sick and a sweet
little grandchild had scarlet fever.
That was the 10th of this month, and
though I have written to her since,
it was no time to lay any co-
tinical schemes before her.

I left that other sheet of paper
because it was nothing less than
horrid — it acted as though it
had been finished off with oil.

But talking of horrid things —
that article in the December
Bulletin by O. R. Willis on the

Nantucket Calluna & Erica
was about as provoking & mis-
chievous a thing as I ever read.
A little truth but much more
— error — let us call it, as Mr.
Purfield says. That Willis has
been an affliction to me twice
before about Nantucket matters.
Mrs. Pearson — well, if she knows
a stamen from a pistil it is more
than I think she does, but she
is a truthful woman. I can't
believe she ever told of knowing
the Erica from childhood, and in
four different places, but if she
did she was led along to it by
questions, and had no idea that
botanists would take any interest in
what she was saying. I might run on
at some length on this topic, but there is no
profit in it. So wishing you pleasant holidays
I will bid you Goodbye for the present.
Yours very truly Maria L. O'Connell



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