

the heads gone to seed, but plenty of
panicles in full bloom, and others only in
bud. The latter too, was still quite
abundant in the commons, and as for
the yard and gardens in town they were as
their very brightest with their Chrysanthem-
ums of all hues, marigolds, snapdragons,
larkspurs and a dozen other flowers.

The eschscholzia in particular were
as large & rich in color as in California,
nor the delicate things that they are in
our Springfield gardens.

Write no more about my dear old
home - I will draw to a close
wishing you a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen -

Springfield, Nov. 21-1892-

My dear Mr. Deam,

I am glad that one of
my plants was worth putting into
your herbarium. I shall enclose a
label. I saw that the seeds would
decide the species, but I could not see
their edges without my microscope.

Have you any Hudsonia ericoides
from No. Conway, N.H.? I collected it
there in September, and can give
you a specimen, such as it is. I was
driving along and saw what to my
Waukegan eyes, which have known
Hudsonia as long as they have known
dandelions, looked like the plant. I
half thought that those usually trusty or-
gans were deceiving me, but stopping to
collect some, I found that I had the
ventured thing, and when I consulted my

Manual, learned that a Miss Minus
had reported it. The Pater is in plain
sight from the regular public road, &
not more than a rod from it. These
September specimens have neither flowers
nor fruit.

I spent two weeks in New Hampshire,
with my daughter for my companions;
the first week at Samworth, and the
second in North Conway. I noticed two
pines which I never saw in this region.
I called one P. resinosa; I had seen it
year before at Acadia's Glenasm. The
other seemed like P. mitis, but that
would be out of its region & I guess I
was wrong; it was more like P.

Banksiana.

What do you think of a Valerianella
in Springfield? We have found V. asi-
atica near the railroad, - caught it
upon its travels. I will send you
some seed now, for they prove two
species, and I can give you an her-
barium specimen too if you want me.

A homely thing, indeed the worst
looking plant I ever came across; it
looked like something degenerated almost
out of existence, - a hereditary pauper
of the vegetable world.

I don't know about your Mt. Monad-
nock golden rod, for I do not take
the Bulletin. I liked it in the old
times when it was light & popular in
its character, but of late years much
of it has been beyond me, and when
I was going abroad I stopped taking
it. I have just looked through the genus in
the new Manual to see if you had any
species, variety or form credited to you.
I have noticed your name in some other
parts of the book, - what I think of now
is a Utricularia found in Wadsworth -
U. biflora. Perhaps it may gladden some
collector's heart in Nantucket some time.

The seaside golden rod, S. sempervirens,
was blooming right along when I was on
the island - two plants looking with



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