

and studies that would be of value.

And *Eleocharis diandra* we may find here; I am going to put Dr. Chapin up to seeking it. We both know where *Hemicarpha subquarnera* grows, and it is exactly the place for that *Eleocharis* to appear in.

Judge Churchill's article on his *Drosera* was interesting. "*Rhodora*" always has something nice in it.

Yours with kind regards
Maria L. Owen.

Springfield, Mar. 14. 1900

Dear Mr. Deane,

Thank you for the *Hypochoeris* notes; I will keep them safe, and if you ever want them back for the Club, will copy & return them. What a good friend for Mr. Manning! I know me very soon and if I go to Nantucket this coming summer as I hope to do, I shall look up the plant without fail.

I have no specimens of any of ^{the} lately revised genera - I never collected anything but those things rare in New England, - I put them into our Society herbarium. I shall try a little later to induce some of the Nantucket ladies to go out and look for *Antennarias*. If Mr. Deane spends his vacation there, he will be, as he was before, an invaluable helper. He has for some years been studying the Willow herbs (*Epilobium*) and has found well marked varieties, if not new species.

I hope some of your club members will spend some of their summer holidays in Nantuxner - What better collecting ground near at hand could they possibly find? And the island is generous - one has still new gifts for all who will seek them.

I hope you have received Dr. Rolfe's letter from my daughter by this time. I wrote to her about it. She is very careful & reliable about such things, but she had an attack of the grip which lasted for a week, and took her life & strength right out of her. She said she did nothing beyond what she was absolutely forced to do. But she is well now, and I guess you will see the letter again. You asked if we could not get the number of the Courant in which it ^(the poem) appeared, and perhaps the author's name "Upon that hint I spare". I wrote to the editor - and in was, I assure you, a polite, complimentary, winning letter. I told him I would not

ask any favor for myself - that is, I would not encroach on his time for myself, only a little Shakespeare scholar, but that it would oblige Dr. Rolfe, a great Shakespeare scholar, if he would let me know when the poem appeared. Then I repeated Dr. Rolfe's praise of it - that must have been a fortnight ago - ~~my~~ my diary says Mar. 2 - and no reply! I call it ungentlemanly not to speak when you are spoken to civilly. I put a stamped envelope directed to myself into the letter - did my part thoroughly - and he might have said as much as "I don't know."

I found suggestive things in the March "Rhodora". Who knows but that "Bartonia lodandrea" may be found in our best woods! ^{not in best woods, however.} And Solidago asperula, too! Oh, that I were a score of years younger! Or if I could go back to my old home for one whole year, and so "take things easy" I could, even now, make some observations



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