

till Capt. McDouane's appeared, and all
the American works, Capt. Palmer's &c. &c.
Mr. H. Gibbon's too, which is helpful as far as
it goes, but that is not very far. We have
an excellent City library and these books
have been at our service for years, so
Mr. Webster need not try to recall their
names, and he need not go back more than
six months - He made great progress
this last season, and our two shows
were really beautiful. No hurry about
consulting Mr. Webster.

With best wishes for the
coming year for yourself &
Mrs. Deane.

Your sincere friend
Maria L. Owen.

383 Union St.
Springfield, Dec. 24 - 1900.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Just as I was sitting down
to write to you the letter carrier brought
me your Christmas greeting - yours
and Mrs. Deane's, so I can begin with
my thanks and reciprocal good
wishes to both.

I have owed you a letter
for two months, and it is time to
let you know that I am well & busy
though I have not much of importance
to tell. Some weeks ago I saw in a
Vermont paper that Mrs. Wm. C. Horton
had found a fern in 'Brattleboro' new
to the local botanists, so it was sent to
Rox. Cambridge and it proved new
to Dr. Robinson & Mr. Davenport, though
it was plainly an asplenium. I have

you seen or heard of it? I wonder that
it has not been reported in "Rhodora".
In the December number Prof Bailey (N.M.)
tells of Ficus carica. L. growing in New
England in Providence and Gloucester. I
wonder if he never read the preface to
the Nantucket Catalogue. I suppose the
tree has been growing in Nantucket
for twenty-five years or more. I have
not had the indispensable help for
my supplement, so I have done nothing
about it. I don't care, for I have plenty
of other work, and I may be able to work
up two or three plants in Nantucket
next summer that I know about &
wanted to see last August, but the
excessive heat prevented. Judge Churchill,
Mr. Collins & Dr. Swan would give me
their list at a few days' notice - "on
demand" I might say, but Mr. Dame
who could give me more new material
than anybody else, has not written to me

for a year or more - he is willing enough
but he never gets time. And I can say
about the same of Mrs. Robinson; she has
quite a number of new names, she says,
and if she could get them verified at the
botanical department of Columbia, they
would be valuable. He can always get
help there, but she seldom finds time to go &
seek it.

Prof. Satchell of the University of California
reports Isotria Tuckeriana, Trautv. Val-
uable as a new name, but is it a rarity?
If so I will try to collect some for my
friend, for he told me just where it grew.
You offered to find out for me the best
books on any particular subject so
I will get you to ask Mr. Hollis Meltzer
if he can recommend any late American
book for mushroom students. We have
McIlvaine's which came out this last
fall, and everything that we wanted before
that - The English works both popular &
scientific that have been our best guides



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