

But the friend who took me  
there could guide a horse up  
and down stair as an every  
day matter, and his horse,  
mountain-bred, - intelligent crea-  
ture - could have done the same  
alone, too, I dare say -

Mr. Floyd tells me of  
Dr. Chapin's election to mem-  
bership in the N.E. Bot. Club.  
He is worthy of the honor,  
and will value it I am sure,  
though I suppose he will seldom  
be able to attend the meetings -  
With all kind regards to you  
and Mr. Deane  
Yours very truly Maria L. Owen

167 Mc Donough St.  
Brooklyn, Dec. 16. 1910

Dear Mr. Deane,

Mr. Fernald's notice of  
Hyoscyamus niger in the Septem-  
ber Rhodora, followed by yours  
in the November number move  
me to tell you what I know  
about it. I first saw the plant  
in Castle Island in Boston  
Harbor. My record is at our  
Summer home in Manassett  
now closed for the winter, but the  
date must have been 1845, '6 or  
'7, for in those years I was in  
South Boston, teaching at the

## Institution for the Blind

It has been found in Nantucket as the enclosed shows — a copy of an entry <sup>one of the</sup> of additions to our flora in my interleaved book. It was very likely one and the same plant that these two observers saw, for between Commercial wharf and the Steamboat Landing is a long stretch as you know, and includes the corner of Whale and Main Sts.

In an earlier number of the Journal Mr. Emile Williams tells of a drive in Franklin County with a cousin when they saw

Haldsteinia fragarioides, a find which pleased him much, and that sent me to records which I have here. I saw the plant in Castleton, N.Y. in 1858 (May) and again in Jamaica, Vt. June 6-1876. I didn't know it was rare, — supposed it could always be found when you got to the right place. The locality in Jamaica was Hamilton Falls, a wild rocky region a paradise for botanists I am sure. At that time it was absolutely untouched by man, the spoiler, and seldom visited by any body, for it was accessible only by a truly awful road,

*Hyoscyamus niger*, L., found between  
Commercial Wharf & the steamboat landing, by  
Ludwig Schumacher, who sent me a specimen  
from Millington, N. J. Aug. 16, 1888. (I received  
the letter Aug. 13.)

Edward Bancroft of Phila. found it at  
the corner of Whale & Main Sts., about  
the same time.

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