

and your future plans.

I have been pretty busy, since I came, over the duties of the moment, but I have had a few short trips into the woods.

In the dim light of late afternoon in heavy woods today I rashly stopped an automobile because I saw a *Habenaria*. I walked back and was rewarded by an extraordinarily perfect plant of macrophylla, a new species

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Flowers-Bridge Farmhouse
Peterborough New Hampshire

Dear Walter

This is frankly a letter of inquiry, to know where you are, and how you both are. I was in Cambridge for an hour or two lately, and, as your telephone did not answer, I inferred you were out of town. Do tell me of your present situation

to me - I never saw a *Habenaria* accrete
with every flower so perfect.

I have been hunting for some apocryphal
species that hung in the outer twilight of the
Petersburgh list - plants ~~that~~ some one thought
had been seen in the township, on that I
knew grew just over the border in Dublin, &c., &c.

I argued that topographical (and hence possible
geological) affinities made it reasonable that
^{some of} ~~the~~ might be found in certain hill-slopes
in the southernmost part of the town. These
hill-sides (outcrops) corresponded in position to
the valley to my Dublin station for Irish peat:
cus and L. conopsea, for instance, which I had
failed to find in good situations in Petersburgh.

Our thyme have yielded; in one neighborhood, both of
these middle, though sparingly - also Orbanchis, new to
Petersburgh; and in another: Maidenhair (in abundance)
Stachys virginiana (a dozen in sight at once) and
Hypochaeris. Except the Maidenhair, none was known here.

I have incidentally, of course, pulled up a few
grasses and sedges, on the chance of their having
some interest. There is little labor with such
things, in either pressing them or throwing
them away. Now can decide the alternative

when ^{you see them} ~~you see them~~ A couple of trays to the
Dublin Club, a pruning, weeding, &c., account for
the rest of my ~~tray~~, &c.



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