

Your account of the abandoned turn-table
pit interests me exceedingly; and the question
which you raise respecting the way in which
the plants you found occupying it were introduced
there is a familiar one with me. It has often
come up before me, when I have found a
spot peculiarly fitted for certain plants, and,
no matter how limited the spot, have not
looked in vain for those plants, growing
very far removed, it may be, from any others
of this species. How the right plants and the
right stations for them were brought together is, as
you remark, an interesting subject for enquiry; and
can only be explained by attributing great efficiency
to the agency of the wind, and suggests the use of
such an infinite number of seeds as most plants
are supplied with. Scarcely any subject connected with
Botany is of deeper interest to me than the habits and
preferences of plants as respects the soil and other
conditions in which they grow.

Allow me to remain

Your sincere friend,
C. C. Pringle.

Charlotte, Vermont.

August, 14th, 1874.

Dear Mr. Savenport:

We have two hotels
in this town, quiet, country houses, where
a few ~~city~~ people from the city come
to spend a few weeks at this season of
the year. One of them is on the shore of
the Lake at the west end of the town
(the opposite end from me) and the other
is situated among a range of hills near
the center of the town. We are all farmers
in Charlotte; and, though there are several
little hamlets in town, none of them is of
sufficient size to admit of its being called
a village. The scenery of the vicinity is
unrivalled in the State. I think Mr. Faxon
would find stopping in Charlotte a white
a pleasant thing. And as for botanizing in

can
not absurd, that I, ^{will} spare no pains to show
him all the riches of the region.

But as I, also, proposed starting for
the vicinity of Willoughby Lake about the
24th, I wish to venture a proposition. It is
that Mr. Faxon proceed first to that most
interesting region and permit me to join him
there to assist him in exploring it carefully,
and that, when he gets ready to leave
there, he come with me to Charlotte to
spend a little while among our plants. To
return to ^{from Willoughby Lake} Boston, by way of this place
would not be a very circuitous route; and
it would give great diversity to his trip.
I shall not be able to spend many days
in that part of the State, and probably
would not be able to reach the place
which Mr. Faxon might name at the
place, where I might join him or communicate
with him, as soon as he, as I must stop a
short time about Lake Umbagog on
my way there. And I shall wish to

push on beyond Willoughby Lake to Island
 Pond and the unexplored mountains and bogs
of that colder region to try by every effort to
possess myself of *Calypso*. Such rough experience
as this will involve I presume Mr. Faxon
will not care to share with me, and it is
only the hope that I may at such time
and in such way render him some service,
which enables me to overcome my hesitation
in asking him to ~~the~~ allow me to share
in his rambles; since with my very slight
skill in botany, I cannot expect in any
other way to repay the favor of his company.

I will submit this matter to the choice
of your friend; and beg you to inform me
as early as convenient what that may be.
In either event, - whether I am permitted to
entertain him here or to meet him in the
north, - I shall find complete happiness.

As regards the ferns and other plants
which you request, it will really give me
pleasure to send you a supply.



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