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Charlotte, Vermont.

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My Dear Mr. Danforth:

At last our Board of Agriculture has got through with its winter's work, and I am at home again. And the very first thing I do shall be to write you a letter to atone, if I can, for my failure to fully reciprocate your favors of this winter.

The sun is rising out of the south and the winter verges toward spring. Its severity has caused much sickness and suffering, and the tokens of spring afford us mutual gladness. Now I know you must rejoice to be in anticipation of the delights which the summer fields afford. I hope to hear that the warm breezes of spring bring to your family the fullest health and strength. And with these blessings may come

and their return to your heart; and may Providence bless you in every good and pleasant way.

The copy of "The Ark" which you sent me containing, as it seems to me, a very just and appreciative notice of your gift to the June Animal Fair, is received with pleasure. Your idea was a beautiful one; and you must permit me to add that I think it very characteristic of you.

Last week my route led through 'Brattleboro'; and it was my good fortune to enjoy an hour or two with Mr. Frost. I found him a good-looking and pleasant old gentleman. He is, as he told me, 67 years old. You know he is a Shemster. He does not work in the lunch now-a-days, though he did so many years. Close confinement to his work broke down his health in middle life. He sought medical <sup>advice</sup> in vain till he reached a famous New York physician. The doctor had his windows full of plants & noticed that Mr. Frost showed interest in them; so when <sup>he</sup> <sup>learned that</sup> <sup>patient</sup> he could plant, and that medicine could not cure his disease, he sent him home to study botany in the field each day. Though he cured not at first

walk a half mile without exhaustion, he improved so rapidly that in but a few weeks he could tramp many miles with ease. Thus at forty he began the study of botany. He is ~~at~~ at present engaged in a catalogue of the plants of his vicinity for Brattleboro, and is completing the list of Fungi of which he makes out some 200 genera, each genus averaging perhaps 10 species! He showed me specimens of *Asplenium trichomanes*, var. *intertextum*, which he (with Miss Anna Grant) found in his vicinity last summer. Told me he had lately found *Aspid. aculeatum*, var. *Maunii* but four miles from Brattleboro, and that it grew in great abundance near Mt. Mansfield, in which place unless we are to be sadly disappointed you and I will gather a supply of it next ~~August~~ summer.

Mr. Frost claimed the honor of having first turned the attention of Prof. D. C. Eaton, a prof. in summer Mr. Eaton, stopping in Brattleboro became acquainted with a young lady of the place. Sitting in the <sup>parlor</sup> ~~library~~, the lady suggested they should see how many ferns they could find. The result was two magnificent collections of ferns finely mounted. But they looked the norms, and some are sent them to Mr. Frost.

With this I will draw to a close my botanical gossip. Hoping to hear more of your complete enjoyment, I remain, ever,  
Your sincere friend,  
C. G. Pringle.



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