

Newburyport March 24<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Geo. E. Sargent

A friend from Hancock Co., Maine. sent me some twigs of "*Viburnum lentiginos*" known in Botany as "hobble bush". By keeping them in water in a warm room, about three weeks, the flowers have expanded, but have not reached their perfection of bloom, as seen in their native home in the woods. and their beautiful soft green leaves, which expand with the flower, is missing. but I thought it quite remarkable it should make any attempt at blooming. and thinking you might be interested, I send you

with this some sprigs - It grows  
very abundantly in Maine and blooms  
from the middle to the last of  
May - and I have been told it is  
found in Essex Co. Mass. although  
I have never seen it -

Yours respectfully  
Mrs. Judith H. Coffin  
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