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(Maryland)
Clinton, Md. April 28. 1920

Dear Mr. Deane:

My best thanks for your
kind letter of 1st inst. - I always enjoy
getting letters from botanical friends, and
it interested me so much to read about
your work. You live in a congenial vicinity,
and I really envy you the good people you
have so near on hand at the Harvard University.
Down here they all are more or less politicians,
and it seems impossible to get anything
botanical out of them. Nevertheless I
feel happy, and here on my farm I have
a splendid natural botanical garden, and all
my books and plants. A friend of mine
abroad enjoyed my article on Porto so much,
that he sent me a large photo of an
oil-painting, 300 years ^{old} ago, of Porto. It
was a welcome addition to my collection,

and I now possess 161 framed portraits, of
old masters. My herbarium I enjoy like
you do yours, and Carex is especially well represented.

I also give much attention to alpine and arctic
species, and I certainly have a lot.

Spring has commenced, and my dear
Crocus is in full bloom in one of my
creeks. But it is strange or different
this place is from nearer City. There is not
a single *Sanguinaria*, nor *Dentaria*, *Podophyllum*
nor *Viola papilionacea*, but *V. emarginata*
abounds, and the rare *Antennaria alba* is
not, but if you went there, you may feel sure to
get them. *Ophiofascium vulgatum* and *Woodwardia*
angustifolia are, strange to say, abundant,
and I have found many other rare plants near
by. *Erodium cicutarium*, ^{an} old friend from
Europe, I found in a field near Clinton.

In Denmark they are having a great time
quarreling with the King about Slesvig, and

you have evidently noticed in the papers, that
a revolution came near breaking out last week.

I am glad that I am here, for we live more
quiet, and have no King. —

Otherwise no news, but I wanted to
thank you for your letter, and hope to hear
from you soon again.

I sent a paper to Rhodora last week about
Antennaria. I can't help laughing at it,
but the *Antennaria*-bugs ought to study
the literature before making so many species
I know of one, which has the rare privilege of
possessing 5 names! — one was given by

Mr. Fernald, and it might have been avoided,
if he had compared the diagnosis in *Flora*
Danica, which I know is in the Gray Library.
Dr. Greene made too many *Antennariae*,
and it is quite a job to make them out,
unless we have the specimens.

Well I must close, it is late, and hoping
you are well, I am with kindest regards

yours sincerely J. R. Allen



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