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Landdale Lakes
near

Elkhorn, Wis

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Dear Mr Deane! -

Behold how Mistress
Margie shall be brought to
Confusion! I "write again"
instantly.

Oh what botanizing. "Pretty
innocent and enthusiastic
sixteen" holding a sheltering
umbrella over Botaniceus while
he digs up his *Hypoxis*
Panicum. I wish it idyllic!
Just too sweet for anything!!
You may send along your
amateur photograph of Walter
Deane in his "tramping rig"
but it shall never - never take
from me this lovely vision

of just how he manages to
sustain the enthusiasm of
others in the midst of his
arduous labors

I return herewith D
Morrow's letter with many
thanks for the pleasure I have
had in reading it. To tell the
truth the obligation I feel
under the return prompts that
someone else may have it in
turn has something to do with
this "quick" reply — only you
need not tell your wife so.

I wonder if any Indian
maiden ever holds an umbrella
over Morrow's head! He does lots
of work out in the hot sun and
I have never been able to see
just how he endures it. He is a
gay and lively old fellow and
I would not risk him an inch
away off there in Paraguay

and what
of even, he got "quite young
again" on occasion.

I am not going to attend
the Indianapolis meeting, of the
A.A.A.S. in fact I have let my
membership of the association
go by default through non-payment
of dues. I enjoy the opportunity
which the gathering affords of
meeting, ~~personally~~ ^{potentially} botanical friends
and giving the additional chance
of personal acquaintance. The
friendships grow up through
correspondence. But after you
have said this you have said all
The rest is "vainly and vexation
of spirit" and costs much money
in hotel bills and travelling
expenses - unless you happen to
belong to the inside ring

which manages the concern -
- ~~They~~ ^{and} I have attended not a
few of the receptions tendered the
association - both east and west,
and of all the dismal affairs
you can conjure up I commend
me to a company of "society
people" trying to entertain a
company of students - And then
how the "Members" do deport themselves
- Here comes that old bag of wind
Sturges Hunt, swelling himself up
and trying to look as big as
his own estimate of himself -
- before a bevy of Mrs Geo. Hunters -
for all the world like a turkey
fobbler strutting in the barn
yard - and after him some
superannuated, weazen-faced
marster like Cope, bowing and
grinacing - first this side and
then that - to a lady on each
arm - profuse in the gallantry

a little of which might better
be bestowed on the abused wife
at home! and so the procession
moves - I always had a
fatal inclination to get
into a corner and look
on instead of merely going
in for the enjoyment of the
occasion

Mattie writes that the
Carpenters wish her to remain
with them until after they
return to the City - It seems
a long time to our girl, but
she wisely remarks that she
need not decide now - and at
any rate she can come home
in two days when she really
makes up her mind to come.
We have missed her here at
the lakes very much. Indeed

just now we are with our
only daughter - Nina having
gone for a few days visit
with girl-friends in Elkhart -
Only Mrs Beth and myself and
three boys for a family.

I was thinking, one time -
that if I were down in Jaffrey
that I might keep pace with
Mrs Deane (if I could not with
her frisky husband) but
now that she is working up to
a 4 mile stretch I doubt it.
Our up grade beats me! I did
however pull our oar with
Nina a few mornings ago
making five miles in fifty
minutes - There being a rather
stout lady passenger in the
stern -

Kind regards from Mrs
~~Deane~~ Beth and myself to Mrs Deane
and yourself cordially Beth



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