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My dear Mr Deane:—

What's the matter?
I—yearn wildly from I; forgoing to
the front as a returns and
exemplary correspondent while
N. D. the ever prompt is falling
into arrears! Is it stress of
school work preceeding the
Easter vacations—examinations and
all that— or have you with vigorous
and inflexible purpose set
yourself to catch up all barbarian
work before the collecting season
opens. and formed as a condition
of success that you must serve
all alike and let letter writing
go!

I have been playing general
botanist just a little - or rather
I have let the Willows take a
rest and have been picking up
odds and ends for the season of
91. and mounting the same. A few
years ago I found a little *Stellaria*
(of which I took only a single specimen)
growing on a cold-mossy shore of
Landerdale Lake. I suspected at the
time its identity but unluckily before
I found time after I had returned to
books and herbarium to make a
careful determination the thing got
mislaid. Lately I found it - and it
is really - as I thought at first
it might be. *Stellaria crassifolia* -
Now I am impatient to visit the
locality again - and see if I can
find more of it.

I had an unexpected and very
agreeable surprise Saturday in
receiving without previous notification

a collection of Willows for
determination. made by parties
sent out by the Ayl. Dept to explore
Death Valley, Cal. To come down
from Alaska - line of perpetual
snow - Aleutian Islands - and all
that sort of thing to a place
that is probably as hot a hole
as can be found on the N. Amer.
continent was quite a change -
But the material after all is
very familiar - of the general
desert character of S. Calif for the
basin itself - and the Sierra
Nevada - for the mountains that
surround it

On the outside of my envelope
you will have found a map of
Landerdale Lake. which will give
you a better idea than I have
perhaps hitherto conveyed - of the

irregularity of its shores - This makes
boating a great pleasure - for
every ten minutes the view is
quite changed - if you are moving
- The photo. I sent last Christmas
represents the view from Beloit
Island looking southward - The
most distant line of timber seen
in the picture being Wilkinsons
Forest - That in the mid distance
seen on the right being Carswells Park
- But don't let these high sounding
names mislead - The lake is simply
as yet a place where some of us can
go and find a quiet that does
not prevail around lakes not so
very far from us - 10-12 miles -
Delavan, Geneva &c which are overrun
by Chicago people - A class characterized
by one neighbors servant as - "them
as has rizzed" - If this is not the
bottom of my 4th page! and I
only intended to write two pages and
to call your attention to the fact

some persons
are impatient of
any note
of the
lake
- But
that I may
warn you
of the
delusion
of the
lake



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