

Lauderdale, His
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Dear Mr Doane: -

We "break camp" day after to-morrow. Two days this and the next - we to have been given to packing up but it is raining a steady now down - so while Mrs Bond and Mattie are carrying out their share of the programme within doors I am perfect at leisure - There will be time enough to-morrow to put up the shutters - get in the boats &c. This is the first season since we began coming here five years ago. Then we ~~were~~ returned to Rockford without an excessive drought having despoiled our garden of all its beauty - I miss tell you how it was with D Galtfitter and

Salix myrtillana. He wrote me
last spring that he intended to
do all his work over again
with better material and asked
me to keep him the fresh leaves
of all the Willows which he himself
did not find in the vicinity of
St Louis - I send him S. glaucocephala
from Rockford and specimens from
Lancaster also - as soon as I should get
these S. discolor - Petiolaris - canadensis -
rostrata and my stillanas - I then
referred him to Bailey of Brown
for S. tristis (good typical tristis
and Providence) Bailey of Cornell
for me ^{Haxton} ~~for the white steel species~~
two other species Hell
of Coagburned for S. adenophylla &c -
I was able to fulfill my promise
in a very satisfactory excepting
as regards P. myrtillana - This
I found when I first here - in
the language of the Georgia
sheriff informed me a note
which he had been unable
to serve "now comatibus in swampo"

in fact my locality was
completely submerged - I so informed
Dr G, and told him he had better
not depend upon my getting the
plant. A few days later
while exploring another bog
in search of Erythronium mille
(I do not recall the Muhlenbergian
name) I stumbled unexpectedly
upon a nice lot of my old stand
and sent Dr G specimens. They
were enroute to St Louis within
two hours from the time I had
discovered the plant. I doubt
not he had them in hand
before his letter reached you.

Recurring to agmatis - Grays
man says of the submerged
leaves of Nuphar advena - "seldom
present" - I wonder if it would not
be a truer statement to say
seldom observed. They are present
only in the early part of the

season and saw decay - I saw
them here a few years ago
beautifully developed but was
not prepared at that time to
preserve specimens - this summer
in July, I was too late. When
I had noticed them particular,
the water was only about three
feet deep and they formed a
most beautiful flower-like rosette
out of the centre of which sprang
the long stems of the floating
leaves.

I particularly desire a
good instructive series of your
Promadnock Solitudes - Although
you offered to send me *L.*
Virginiana but I think (though
you may feel too sure) that the
former has given the name of
my own ancient Southern Neighborhood
- The plant "that J.C. Porter chooses the
name of" I have from the
locality mentioned in Gray Man -
"base of this White Mtn" but not

so far as I remember from
classmate -

I took all the Epilobium
mall that I could find -
about a dozen plants. Will
send you some for your
duplicate herbarium.

The following is probably
an "old joker" near home
but was new, a few days
ago - to the campus on the
shores of Landerdale -

Wood
John
Mass.

Name and P.O. address -

Cordially as ever
Dr. S. B. Smith



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