

the holidays. We will most likely go to Demorest, Ga. and do "light housekeeping" living upon all the delicacies which the southern markets afford such as "side meat", corn dodgers. Georgia beef, canned goods. quinine and whiskey. I think the climate is a better one on the whole for me than that of Southern Florida. At all events I would like to try it again and the fact that I know the place and know what we can do there in the way of securing quarters has much to do in influencing our decision.

I sent off to W. W. Bailey only a few days ago some

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Dear Mr Deane:-

I am feeling so much better this fall I have even had the temerity to promise Dr. Borton to have ready my monograph of North American Salices by the end of next year. That may mean the filling up of the "trip pocket" again - so be warmed in time! How I wish Lloyd lived in Chicago! I have no good reference library for me in botanical research - anywhere within reach. Though I must confess I have never

seen the Catalogue of the
Newberry Library. It may
be better than I imagine
though I apprehend that it
does not contain a working
collection of botanical books.

I wish you would send me
one of your little sheets of
Loennia Valdiviana. Every once
in a while I am seized
with a desire to keep up my
general herbarium - and this
is a flicker of that emotion.

I wish now I had not
spent so much time, money,
and energy in accumulating
a general collection. But it
may be of use sometimes to
somebody.

I have a small collection
of Salices made by Mr
Leiberg in eastern Oregon
during the past season. to
report upon to Dr Coville,
and Dr Robinson will send
me soon a little collection
made by the Peary relief
expedition which I am to
name inside of two weeks.
Just a few "grab ups" I expect
such as Arctic collections
usually are. After this I
will begin in earnest on
the monograph. I know the
plants well enough but am
unexperienced in the literary
part of the work - ~~for~~

My wife goes south with
me - if I go at all - after

Special suggestions regarding
the collecting of Willms -
There has not been time as yet
for a reply. The fact is
the good collector of other
things will naturally make
good collections of Willms
and when I came to limit
myself to such directions as
would not be given fully
and explicitly in the body of
his work, for plants in
general, I found that I
had very little to say.

Mrs Hollenbeck and her
mother - about whom you
kindly inquire - have not
in the end recovered from
this terrible accident so
fully as their friends at
one time had reason to

hope they would, Mrs H.,
has recovered from her
burns but is in a weak
depressed nervous state while
her mother, an old and
feeble lady, at best seems
to be losing her mind
altogether. The strain from
first to last was a severe
one met at first by a
strength of endurance which
filled us all with surprise
ending at last in a break
down which we had begun to
hope might be averted.

We have had a solid week
of dull, cloudy weather, some
sun. some rain. chilly winds
and no sunshine. I long for
a change -

Cordially - as ever
M. L. Bell



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