

song for you. We observed it with
special services as Floral or Children's
day - with plenty of flowers, but
hardly any hearers. I had a bad
cold - was hoarse - and felt bad
generally. Better today, however.

Mrs M. has grown much
better, & it is beginning to go out
some. I reached home in
good order after my hospitable
entertainment at your house, &
have been finishing off my paper on
Nuphar since - now, I am glad
to say, in the printers hands.

Have at last obtained the joy of my
heart, a good lot of that rarissimum
Myosotis Tongii Wats. from California
via, which I have been trying for during
the last two years. Got both pistillate and
staminate plants from the only collector in
America of both kinds of flowers. - Kind regards
to Mrs D. - Very truly yrs Thomas Shorrey.

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My dear Mr Deane

I think your boy will
have to get a Dodge made for
him. When I lived on the sea-
shore I got up one myself, but
never accomplished a great deal
by means of it. I went in a row
boat, however, which makes a
good deal of difference.

In Woodward's Manual of the
Mollusca p. 141 (a book which
probably he can find at the Natural
Hist. - Paleontological Institute -
Building, if nowhere else) is
a drawing and description of a
light serviceable Dodge, which could
be easily made, with directions for

using the same. By the way,
Prof. Hyatt, Director of Nat. Hist.
Soc. could give him useful hints
on the subject.

I should also advise him to make
and use a tow net with which to
catch floating objects, some of which
are very curious animals & or
shells. It is easily made -
the Net being merely a bag of
muslin or netting (muslin best)
sewn to a ring of stout wire
some 10 or 12 inches in diameter.
This may either be fastened by a
pair of strings to the stern of a
boat ^{or towed behind,} or fixed to a stake or pole
that may be held overboard by the
hand.

With a little ingenu-

ity he might contrive a Dredge him-
self. Unless he is going with a party
of naturalists who will take the time
and pains to do dredging properly, he
should not think of anything but a
light Dredge, which he can use in
shallow water - water, say, 10-20
feet deep. It is very heavy and
hard work to dredge - as the Coast
Survey Dredge - in deep water, &
needs the use of tackle & machi-
nery, best with the aid of a
steamer's engine. But a light
Dredge fastened to a rope 25 or 30
feet long, in comparatively shallow
water, he could manage well enough.

So you hoped to escape
the rain at Newburyport yesterday,
did you? Well, if you had
such a sloppy, chilly, uncomfortable -
ble day as we had here, I am



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