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My Dear Old Deane,

I was beginning to fear that my little book, my heartling had gone to the office of the Dead. I am so glad you liked it, but you are one of those loyal fellows who stick up for a friend right or wrong.

Neither Barnes nor Britton here yet had a copy, but I will send them one. Selchell has one but is so far east. I don't much if it meets approval - and I see lots of faults of omission in it, but it serves my end.

I am very, very busy, on the Book - on which I rest my reputation - the Guide-Book. Have you any field notebooks to send me - say wood box, portulaca, clover, daisy etc? I have written by those subjects - don't want to drop in any "walrus" suggestions. It reads well.



You will be shocked at some of  
the Chapter Headings - as  
"A Beggar's account of empty  
Boxes" - Thinks, for Chapter on  
Vasculum. I wish you could see  
the MS as it progresses - and  
help me from your unfeigned  
depths of love. My work is easy  
and my room is light, I have  
gained in height - and feel like  
the tallie cocherel - him with  
the skull clavin - who wakes  
the day (compound him!).

Poor dear old Holmes is gone;  
Lord how I love him - and he  
"hath not left a peer". You Har-  
vard men are, and of right ought  
to be, a concerted crowd!

A million thanks for the nice  
stamp; they gladden the hearts  
of my elect. Again, so glad you  
like my booklet, I'm as well  
as could be expected, but in one  
year - three little rotten crowd a  
hundred more! Yours ever  
Whit



Bailey, William Whitman. 1894. "Bailey, William Whitman Oct. 8, 1894." *Walter Deane correspondence*

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