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My Dear Deane:

Surely here is a coincidence! Our letters crossed in the mails. Yours brought me an unnamed variety of Carex Novae-Angliae, and mine carried you another unnamed, or at least unpublished, variety of the same species! Your specimen is an exceedingly valuable one, for it is a part of Wgn. Booth's original of C. brevipes! In my Synopsis, I referred this to C. Novae-Angliae. I also made the reservation that the western specimens should probably stand as var. depressa. In my more recent studies of this cosmopolitan — or at least widely distributed — mountain species, I have become convinced that the western specimens are of varietal importance, and it has also appeared that C. brevipes should be raised to varietal rank. But I have hesitated because I

Have only one specimen of C. brevipes. Now
Yours comes, and helps me out amazingly.
My specimen is twin to yours, from
the same collector, no doubt. The species
was found upon Summit Camp. I shall
probably call it C. Novae-Angliae var.
Boottii. I shall take the liberty of re-
taining your specimen for a few days.

Now for the var. Deanei. I was not
sure that you had collected it, and I
therefore hesitated between Deanei and
Deaneana. But I like the former better,
and you will find the plant when again
you go to the mountains. I have it from
Lake Umbagog, Canada, from Macoun, and
apparently the same from Alaska. There is
no telling who first collected it, and there
is no impropriety in naming it for
a student of the flora of New England.
It is a neat and rare little plant and I
am heartily glad that your name is to be
associated with it.

Prof. Dudley said that he had heard

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From you. I recommended you highly. He did not say anything about sending you plants.

The following are good collectors of Carex outside our limits: Prof. Macoun; R. S. Williams, Great Falls, Montana; Prof. L. F. Henderson, Portland, Oregon; Dr. H. E. Hassel, Los Angeles, Cal. Aside from an occasional specimen from Dr. Mohr, I rarely get a Carex from the Southern States.

About May 1st. we expect to begin to build a residence upon the campus. My new greenhouse is now in running order.

Regards to Mrs. D.

Yours
L. H. Bailey



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