

claim it since I cannot
find the plants. It was a
sad mistake not to have
sent the package to Mr.
Eggleston for personal in-
spection.

I would be exceedingly
glad to have you see my
plants when you come
to Washington. I have to
store them down in a trunk
room, but I find from
this late examination that
they are in excellent
condition, and I wish

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16 Fifth St. S. E.
Washington, D. C.
March 23, 1904.

My dear Mr. Deane.—

I am very sorry
to report that the search
for *Utricularia purpurea*
has been without success,
for though I have looked
through every possible package
I have failed to find the
coveted label.

Two years ago I became
alarmed by the dampness
in the basement room where

the plants were stored, and had the cases moved up stairs where I could examine them. I found not a few which had to be destroyed, and there is the haunting fear that the plant in question may have been among them. I had forgotten my correspondence with Mr. Eggleston, and doubt if the sight of Utricularia purpurea would have awakened any particular thrill of pain if it had been among

those condemned. At the time I thought chiefly of freeing the collection of anything which menaced the whole, and the losses which would have impressed themselves upon the mind of a trained botanist, or the collector who knew his own, were no doubt taken all too stoically by me.

Mr. Rose thinks it probable that the Vermont reference is correct, as they have material of that species from Maine, etc. but of course I cannot

more than ever for time and strength to devote to putting them in the perfect order which they so well merit.

But the days alas, are very full, and by night-fall energy is at low ebb, and it begins to look as though the time for Librarian work must be deferred to the season of "caps and scrap-books."

Yes, the Spring is waking

here - the grass grows green,
and the trees through some
of the streets reach their
branches into soft gray-
green clouds. Maples, willows
and poplars are particularly
active and promising, and
the yard opposite my window
is gay with crocuses.

But best of all, the air is
mild and gentle - and the
birds are coming. Winter
does not suit Washington,

nor the dwellers therein.

I have had to tap your
consideration as a cor-
respondent on account of
most unusual illness,
for me, resulting partly
from the exceedingly trying
weather conditions. - But
what I have endeavored to
do, though resulting so un-
satisfactorily, has been
a pleasure to me.

Very respectfully yours,
Alice F. Stevens.



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