

Springfield

June 29. 1856

My dear Mr. Deane,

I have read Mr. Watson's  
Paper on the Roses & such purpose  
that I can set people at work  
by it, and I wish you would  
ask Mr. Churchill to look at our  
Nantucket species and see if he  
cannot discover *R. nitida*, and  
*R. humilis*. Only *R. Carolina* & *R. lucida*  
have been reported. I suppose we can  
hardly hope for *R. laevis*, but we  
shall look it up here, as the Antwerp  
Earl. reports it on Mt. Tom.

Impossible to go to Nantucket  
this year! What's the use of being  
rich, I should like to know.

I see I have in my haste  
unconsciously adopted the modern  
fashion - beginning my letter  
as what I call the fourth  
page - I don't approve of it -  
I shall be sure to write to you  
if I have anything novel or  
interesting to relate - I wish you  
many discoveries. I had some  
*Vaccinium Beckii* from Concord  
once, a pretty thing that I never  
saw before, and I was told that  
*Lopha natans* was growing in  
some stream there - planted  
of course but well established -  
Don't rely too much on the story -  
it had no reliable author to  
back it up. I have seen the plant

in a pond at the Rock Garden  
as I suppose you have

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen

I am going to give Mr. Dame  
a string of questions like  
those about the roses. I wish  
they were ready for Mr. Churchill,  
but this is one of the two busiest  
weeks in the whole year  
with me. M. L. O.



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