

Springfield, Feb. 18-1892

Dear Mr. Deane,

I was surprised as well as pleased to find that any of the plants I sent you were worthy of a place in the Gray Herb. What an appetite they have at the Botanic Garden! I understand of course that there was nothing new amongst these plants, but that what value they had came from the locality where they were found.

I will enclose a green specimen of something that I sent you some months ago, - or carried it I guess, when I was in Boston in June; - it looked like a long cone. The lady who gave it to me at last got fresh tips from California where they call this tree the "rat-tailed pine"; when Sue brought me this it was soft & pliable and brighter in color. It is evidently one of the great family of conifers, that, whether native or exotic, thrives in California -

I will put in a few more headings for
your young friend, and as you are so care-
ful to give me credit with them, I ought
to be equally scrupulous and say that they
~~were~~ are none of my doing, but that
my son and daughter gave them to me -

I write mostly to send you these things
though also to acknowledge your last
letter, but I have no news to tell, no
ideas to express, so with all-y-us's X
regards to you and your wife

I remain

Yours very truly

Maria L. Owen -

X Is not this a handy addition to the
English language? - so comprehensive, -
such a multum in parvo. It was the quick,
spontaneous invention ^{with several brothers & sisters.} of a little girl, a pupil
of one of my young cousins'. Her teacher said
"What a splendid great dog! Is he yours?"
"Oh no! he is all-of-us's." M-L.O-



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