

Boston, June 9, 1897.

Dear Mrs. Owen,

A day or so ago I sent you a little package of *Potentilla Pennsylvanica*, L. (2). I found on closer investigation that my single plant proved to be a large single clump. I found only the one clump but was able to obtain by separating them out about a dozen specimens. Any of which you are welcome to when they are dried. X Monday P. M. was a holiday for us and I tried to get you a specimen of *Potentilla recta*, L. but found on visiting my locality that it had not blossomed yet so did not pluck any. There is lots of it though and some fine specimens when it gets well out. I will send you some when I gather my specimens.

X Regarding the *L. canadensis* there is one point I will speak of. In Gray the pubescence of the involucre is not mentioned. Now I thought I knew *L. autumnalis*, L. and that it was not having that way. Then the whole plant had a different look and also I can only find, hunt as I may, just this one little patch in one old field by the turn highway where there are perhaps

X He asked in a letter part of the letter if I thought Mr. Deane would like a specimen in case it proved to be *P. Pennsylvanica*. W. L. D.

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fifty or more plants of such a very common plant. I have purposely hunted for it too. Well I have pressed several specimens and when I do find more in the fall I can compare at my leisure.

The pretty little plant you enclosed in your letter is one (if I am not mistaken, you see I am hedging now most awfully) I have looked in vain for many times in my rambles but never found. I'm from places covering various sections of N. E. it is not given at all but I have heard that further south it is found very plentifully. I call it *Podophyllum peltatum* L.

As you did not mention *Lamium purpureum*, L. before. I think it was a nice find. It is always nice to find something like that. It sort of gives one importance, the importance of a discoverer say, yet really it is chance, or sometimes propinquity to a person accustomed to using his eyes, still the propinquity is chance. Still I must confess to a feeling of elation for every find. I have my press just full of specimens. They have just been pouring in. Although the weather has been abominable and



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