

Nantuxen earlier than com-
mon. My daughter and her
husband think the sea air will
be good for their little eight-months
old baby girl, so they are going to
spend the whole vacation there, July
and August. I don't look forward
to any collecting, myself, and can
hardly hope for anything new to be
brought to me, as the island-born
show no great botanical zeal. How-
ever I know some off-islanders who
are apt to spend the summer there
who delight in searching the swamps
& the pond sides. I hope they will be
there this year.

With best regards to you
& Mrs. Deane,

Yours very truly
Maria L. Oakes

383 Union St.

Springfield, May 20. 1906.

Dear Mr. Deane,

I have not heard from, or
about, you for a long time, but
I trust that you and Mrs. Deane
are both well, and that it will not
bother you too much to tell me the
name of a violet that I send.
It is from Mr. Gillett's garden in
Southwick; his specialty is native
plants, but this one was given to
him by a man who knew nothing
about it as far as name & na-
tivity were concerned, and Mr.
Gillett wishes very much to ob-
tain that knowledge.

I did my best for him, but
cannot find it in Gray or Br. & Thun.

Very likely they have it at the
Dor. Garden, — I hope so. As
there was but one fresh flower
on the plant I took that off & pressed
it, and can tell you that the side
petals are bearded, although that
is not very plain in the dry
specimen, and the fifth petal is
so small that the outline of the
flower is square.  The petals
have shrunk so irregularly
in pressing that this feature does
not show in the specimen, but in
the fresh flower it is so decided
as to give the aspect of a crucifer.
A cross shape is pretty where it is natu-
ral, but when a violet obtains it by
dwarfing one of its petals it seems to
me a blemish. Still this has a beauty

derived from its pure, untinged white
and the delicate blue streaks. I liked
the plant that was given to me
well enough to set it out in my
garden, where it is doing well. The
specific name will oblige Mr.
Gillett much and me too, but
find it and let me know at
your own convenience.

Dr. Chapin brought me an An-
tennaria last week, which he
thinks is certainly a new form
(to him) and perhaps something
not reported before. The flowers
were immature, but he will bring
more later. There was a patch
of perhaps a hundred plants.
I suppose you are planning to
go to the country before long.
Where, this year? I am going to



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