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Mr. Walter E. Dean:

My dear Friend:

The package of rare plants sent me a few days ago was very acceptable. Many of the specimens I shall be glad to mount.

I send you today by Express 43 specimens of those Western Cactuses. — many of them rare — one of them I think a new species No. 209. If I could only get Prof. Bailey enough interested to work it up. He thought it at first *C. Deweyana* var *Bolanderi* W. Boott — but I think he is now satisfied that the plant is not a var. of *C. Deweyana*.

Now I have a little project. Our Vt. Botanical Club holds its annual meeting at Burlington Friday & Saturday Jan 27. & 28. On Friday evening we like a talk or lecture or address of a half or three fourths of an hour. from some one outside of our circle. I know of no one whom we should so like to present at that time as yourself. & I write hoping that you will consent to come. We have much to offer in the way of pecuniary inducement, but of course will be responsible for all traveling expenses & entertain^{ment}. It will be an opportunity for you to see Vermont & some Vt men. & I shall expect you to stay over a train with me in Middlebury. This invitation includes Mrs. Dean. Do say yes yours sincerely Ezra Brainerd.



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