

Springside,
Middlebury, Vermont. Feb. 13, 1904.

My dear Mr Deane---

It was very kind in you to send me the package of violets that came safely this morning. Judge Churchill's *V. blanda* from Corry, Pa., May 4, 1896, I suspect is rather *V. amoena*, LeConte. His *V. canina*, var, *Muhlenbergii* from same town, May 5, has round obtuse leaves and certainly approaches var. *multicaulis*, though the range given for this var. does not extend so far north.

The plant that interests me most is the one from Jaffrey N. H., July 25, 1896, named "*V. palmata*, var. *cucullata*." It is plainly a cross between *V. cucullata* and *V. fimbriatula* and is in just the summer stage that I like to have specimens of *Viola*. Dr. Robinson collected what seems the same thing in 1897. Please tell me more about it:--Do you know if the above supposed parents grow near your plant; were there many plants like ^{yours} it there; in what soil and moisture did it grow?

I am now engaged in working up an article showing the frequent hybridization of species in this group. I have now some ten marked instances of this. If this fact is well established, it will go far to clear up the perplexities of the violet problem.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

Ezra Brainerd



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