

OAK HALL
TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA
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My dear Mr. Deane:

Your letter of Easter reached me here after some delay. You are very brave to tackle so immature a specimen of *Viola* the first thing. I thought when I first glanced at it, dried & skinned, of what Mr. Poirer used to say when I sent him *Carex* in flower: "Don't name such specimens." But at this late day my determination will be of little use to you, for you have by this discovered, if only by its fragrance, that your plant is *V. odorata*. Perhaps without looking at the style, you assumed too hastily that it was in my section 2 instead of 4. The peculiar, dense, minute pubescence, & ^{the} glabrous spur-petal, & the naked sepals (i.e. ~~not~~ ciliate) lead me to think it *V. odorata*. Tell me, if I am mistaken.

I will try & send you a box of violets from here, for you to try your skill on: they are all in the Gray Manual, though not in Eastern Mass. I have found 12 species here & several interesting crosses. This is a delightful region for tourist or botanist at least at this season of the year.

Tomorrow, I start homeward, & expect to get there by Thursday, as my violet cultures in my garden will require attention:

I give me great pleasure to see your enthusiasm in the study of *Viola*. Do go into the hybrid problem, they are most fascinating.

Yours Sincerely,
Ezra Brainerd.



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