

Springside.  
Middlebury, Vermont.

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My dear Mr. Deane:

Your violets from Shelburne came in fine shape. You have rightly named Viola septentrionalis & Viola scutellaria, though in the latter were two little pieces of V. incognita, easily separated from the former by the stoloniferous root-stock. V. scutellaria has no stolons, that are noticeable.

The other plant you call V. pallens is also, <sup>in part</sup> Viola incognita, & most of the leaves in what you sent are pubescent underneath & on the petioles. I return them for you to examine; & in the box is also a fresh plant of V. pallens from Staten I. N.Y. & a leaf & flower of V. blanda. will

There is also a smooth plant with round leaves & smooth or less reddish veins, that came with V. pallens. This I suspect is some mix-up, which I will grow for a few weeks till it fruits, & then perhaps I shall have more confidence in naming it. It may, possibly, be a phase of V. pallens.

I trust you will keep up your interest in the genus; things will straighten themselves out before the season is over, as the distinctions are much plainer in the mature plants with ripe capsules & seeds.

If you could only spend a day or two here & see the very large exhibit I have of species & hybrids of all sorts! Kind regards to yourself & Mrs. Deane, whom I am sure must have been benefited by her trip to Shelburne.

Sincerely Yours,  
Ezra Brainerd.



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