

Middlebury Vt. June 4. 1919

My dear Mr. Deane:—

I looked over your specimens of *Viola* this afternoon, as soon as they arrived & wrote out revision labels, for each sheet thinking you expected the plants to be returned. On looking at your letter again, I am uncertain as to whether you expected them back or not.

I certainly should like the specimens for my herbarium. But the postage is so trifling that I am returning the parcel for your inspection hoping you may later send me duplicates of those & of the other nice specimens which you will surely collect, some showing the fruit & solving the doubtful cases.

You will notice that your judgement regarding *V. renifolia* is quite correct. You have one typical plant. The "blue"-flowered plants I consider all. good *V. septentrionalis* too young

for the normal development of pubescence,  
but under a good lens revealing it on the  
youngest leaves.

The one called "pallens". I should rather  
consider *V. blanda* Willd.; though immature it  
shows the characteristic minute pubescence on  
the upper surface of the leaf. *V. pallens* is always  
has leaves glabrous above. But you can settle  
this matter as the plants mature. *V. pallens* has  
green capsules + small black seeds. *V. blanda* brownish  
capsules + speckled seeds. You ought to find my  
*V. incognita* + its var. *Horrovi* up there; but it is  
a sly masquerader, as its name implies, often  
mistaken for something else.

Brother John + John Jr. drove up in an auto  
~~last~~ Decoration Day to avoid the sad association of  
the Day. But he is plunging vigorously into his profes-  
sional work as an antidote for his great sorrow.

Always glad to hear from you, yours as ever  
Ezra Brainerd.





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