

[Middlebury Vt.]  
[June 10, 1919]  
[from H L]

My dear Mr. Deane:

I am somewhat chagrined to learn of my too hasty determination of *V. cucullata* x *septentrionalis*. But I am glad that the criticism comes from so kind a friend. My only excuse is that in *Viola* I have had to deal with so many spontaneous hybrids, about 80 in our 84 indigenous species, & only a small part of these hybrids have been published. It makes my blunder worse to find that in my *Distribution of Violets* 1910 nos. 39 & 40 were this hybrid.

One statement in your letter puzzles me:—"I had an idea that the blue violets in the pasture, that were in full flower & very small, would grow bigger, but they all after a while disappeared & were never larger <sup>? [than]</sup> that what I picked." There must have been the straight species, as the hybrid though nearly or quite sterile has remarkable vegetative vigor. Am I wrong?

I shall hope to get the printing forms of these



plants later. Instead of the drawings of seeds  
would it not be better to have the seeds them-  
selves? So thinking, I am sending samples of  
of the four white-violet seeds from a large col-  
lection that I keep in about 200 little vials.

I congratulate you on having so enjoyable  
an occupation in your favorite summer resort.

With kind remembrances to Miss Brown

Yours faithfully,

Ezra Brainerd.

P.S. I have just found a drawing I made of the  
seeds of these 4 white-violets. It may have been  
the original from which Mr. Mathews made  
the one in color that you have. I would like  
it returned when you are through with it.  
E.B.



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