

[Caparo,  
Iruindad,  
B.W.G.]

9/2/22  
[Feb. 9 1922]

Dear Mr. Heane.

I received your letter and enjoyed it very much. I am very glad that I was not in that poor fish's place you mentioned. We have three humming bird's nests, one is made out of black fibre and covered with spiders web, but the other <sup>two</sup> are entirely different. They are made from the wild pines, that grow on trees. They get a very fine fibre which I think comes from the stem that the flowers grow on, and when the seeds open there is something inside like brown cotton, with which they line the nest, sometimes pieces of tree fungus and stick it all around the outside of the nest to protect it from their enemies. I am going to send you a pretty little humming bird's nest when Reddie goes back. I don't know if you would like some bird's nest, if you would, I will send a few pretty ones. One of the humming birds called the "Balisier" makes its nest out of spider's web; one of them was gathering spider's web from our house for weeks, it would come in every day and go to a picture that hangs in Daddys office and pick off bits of spider's web and then fly out again, it was quite tame and would let us stand near to it. The birds know who they can trust. I have an archid that is about five feet high, it bears sprays of red flowers, which looks something like wasps flying, it has four sprays of flowers at present. We have



just seen in the newspapers today that an American gentleman wants to buy the spiders that make the strongest web. I thank you very much for the nice present you sent me by Fred. I am sure I will enjoy very much.

Yours. Sincerely.

Bladys.



Carr, Gladys V. 1922. "Carr, Gladys V Feb. 9, 1922." *Walter Deane correspondence*

**View This Item Online:** <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/159666>

**Permalink:** <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/partpdf/288710>

**Holding Institution**

Harvard University Botany Libraries

**Sponsored by**

IMLS

**Copyright & Reuse**

Copyright Status: Public domain. The BHL considers that this work is no longer under copyright protection.

This document was created from content at the **Biodiversity Heritage Library**, the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives. Visit BHL at <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>.