

Brookland, D.C. Octbr. 4th. 1915.

Dear Mr. Deane:

My very, very best thanks for your kind letter, and for sending my desiderata to the Librarian, where I myself know nobody.

I am glad to learn that you and Mrs. Deane are well, but I surely thought you had returned to Cambridge by this time.

Now since you tell me that both *Adiantum balsameum* and *Jurinea communis* grow where you are, and especially when you offer to send me them, I would like to ask you again for a favor. If you can find a few, 2 or 3, young specimens of both *A. balsameum*, and the var. *lyrata* of *Jurinea*, only about 1 or 2-3 years old I should be immensely grateful to receive them with good roots, since I must study the root-structure, and the primary foliage is also of importance, but you must not go to too much trouble. Wrapped in a little moss they can be sent by parcel-post, and kept well until I put them in alcohol for anatomical study; and I have worked up the medicinal ferns and found very excellent character in the leaf-parenchyma of all the species of

true *Dryopteris*? *Tibex-nas*, *spinulosa*, *cristata*,
marginalis, consisting in the strange presence of glandular
hairs in the air-channels of the ~~of~~ leaf-parenchyma, some-
thing never seen before!!!

So far I enjoy working on plants, but you will appreciate
that I miss cooperation and congenial company, for here
in DC, the botanists do not care for field work nor for
research, I am sorry to say.

I go out every week for a whole day's tramp, and the woods are
beautiful, and I am glad that *Alternanthera* by this time
has dropped its pods, for there are a nuisance down here; it
is almost impossible to get them off the plants; *Bidens* is not
half as bad. —

Thanking you again for your kindness, believe me to be
with kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Theridion

Specimens requested by Theodore
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Pinus palustris Mill. a young twig, 3 inches long
with leaves. (no cones)

Pinus Taeda L. a young twig, 3 in. long with leaves
(no cones)

Abies balsamea (L.) Mill. a young twig,
3 inches long (no cones) with leaves

Juniperus communis L. a branch 10 inches long
with leaves and fruits.

Juniperus (*Sabina* L.) a branch 5 inches long
horizontalis Moench
with leaves and fruits

Very respectfully

.. Theodore Holm

The Arnold Arboretum. Cambridge, Mass.



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