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Mr. Walter Deane,
Philbrook Farm,
Shelbourne, New Hampshire.

My dear Mr. Deane:

Your letter of April 24 has remained unanswered too long. A few days ago I received a letter from you which recalled the fact that I had neglected you. Fortunately, however, this letter was intended for my good wife but it did remind me that I must at once write you as I had long wanted to do.

Now that my second cactus volume is off the press - I read the last proof yesterday and it will be soon distributed - I have one less care. The third volume, though, must go to press before very long and then there will be another year of proof reading of plates and manuscript. This second volume is going to be very attractive. It contains eight more plates than Volume I and these are much more varied and showy.

I was very much disappointed that I could not go to South America this year as I had made all my plans and was looking forward to making a great collection of cacti in Brazil and Argentina. Perhaps it is best that I did not go for travel conditions have been very bad between New York and South America. I have had my hands full, however, with all kinds of interesting problems. Besides my cactus work I have been doing intensive work on the flora of Ecuador and have found new species and genera without number.

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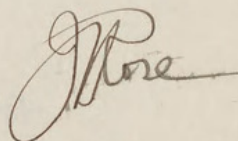
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One of our men here is just back from Haiti where he spent the last six months making a general collection. He has brought back some very interesting cacti for me, one of which I am just now studying; this was collected by Plumier but has never been identified since his time. It is a tree thirty feet high.

I see by the papers that the Ornithological Union is to have its meeting here this fall. Can you not come down to this meeting? We want to extend to you a very cordial invitation to make our home your headquarters. You can go to the meetings just as little as you want to. Write to us at once that we may expect you. My plans are such that I will be here this fall. The whole family will welcome you. Unfortunately George will be at Princeton but I have no doubt that he will come down over Sunday to see you.

Very truly,





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