

models must be done with unaided eyes. Of botanical observations in garden and field there is little to report this year. You remember the multiplied-pinnate leaves of *Polemonium* I sent you, which came from plants, as it were, right monstrously born. This year I observed an old normal plant in which all leaves were normal as always as yet, except one, which was very much multiplied, several-pinnate. This species seems to be much inclined to this monstrosity.

Except some weeks in August we had very inclement weather here all year. My mother was ill for some months but she has now happily recovered. She joins me in sending Mrs. Deane and yourself kindest regards and with all good wishes

I remain  
very sincerely yours

Rudolph Blaschka



October 23. 1899.

My dear Mr. Deane,  
I was very glad to receive your good letter of Aug. 5, assuring me of the well-being of yourself and Mrs. Deane. It always gives me great pleasure to follow in my thought your very interesting description of landscape and biological observations, and I can realize your pleasant time.



I think I belong to the same order of men as you, to the true lovers of nature. On every walk I take, there must be something to study of nature, it may be a plant or insect or bird or what, ever, I think a man can never finish these studies and is never too old to learn from nature. Already when I was a child I had passionately longed after an opportunity for visiting foreign countries on purpose to study and collect the strange products of nature there. This wish has been strangely fulfilled by the glass-flower-engagement. What I saw and learned from nature on those trips in America gives me very sweet hours of remembering for all life. Of course the studies in the free nature are much more pleasant than those in the close air of a work-room.

I had much pleasure this summer by the visits of Miss Ware, Dr and Mrs Goodele and their lovely son to my house. Owing to Miss Ware's noble determination to remunerate my continued work till 1906, it bids fair to fill the best years of my life with this work if it is in god's will to let me stand it. I am pleased after all, and this is owing to my passionate love of this work and study of nature, my love of America that I think, nobody can doubt in or deny, and the interest in the completion of this remarkable collection. At present I try to do a golden rod *Solidago Canadensis*, an ordeal of patience. Of course the scope of every work done by human hands, has its bounds and so my *Solidago* should be judged with indulgence in as much more as everything in these



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